Integrating Distributed Information: The ToolBus/PathPort System

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What is ToolBus/PathPort?

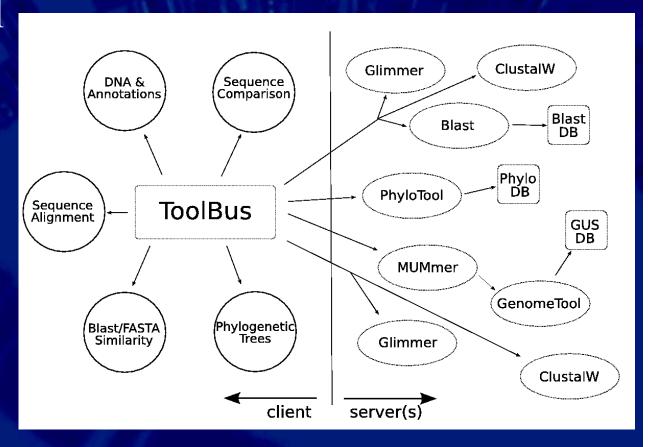
Platform Neutral

Utilizes SOA

Visual plugins

Fail Soft/Safe

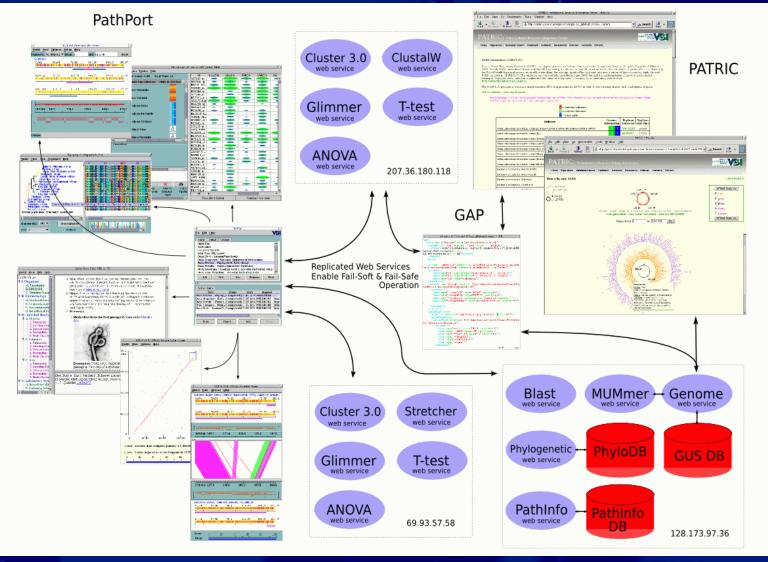
Data Integrator







Putting It All Together





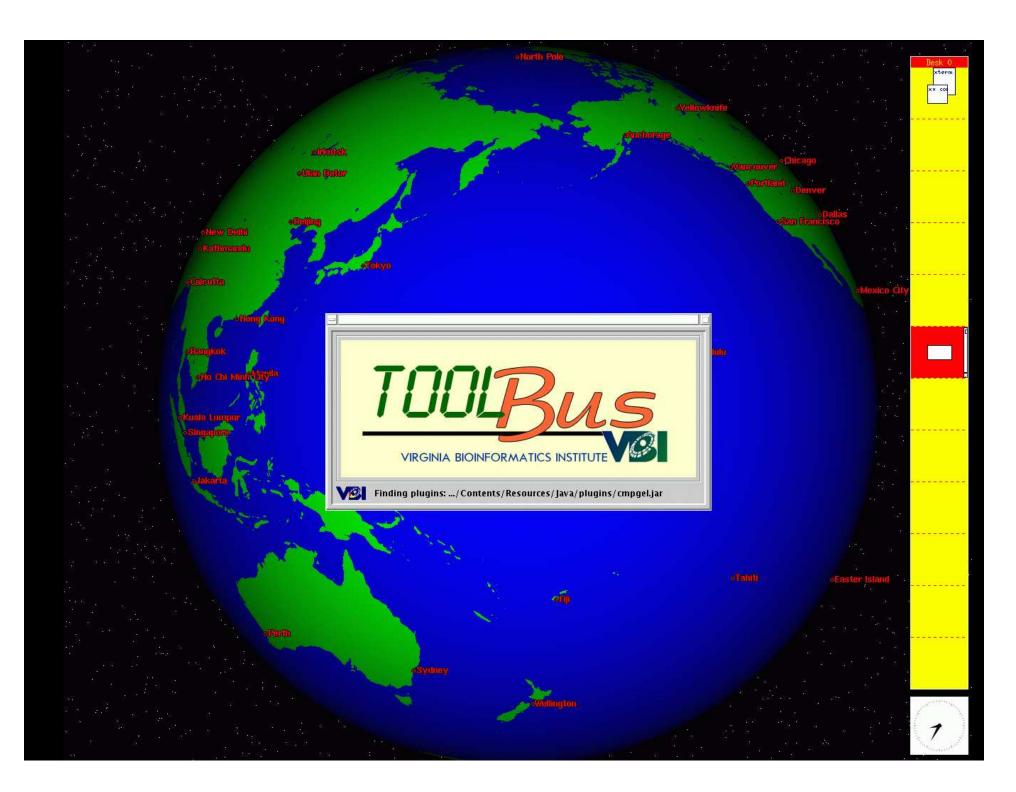


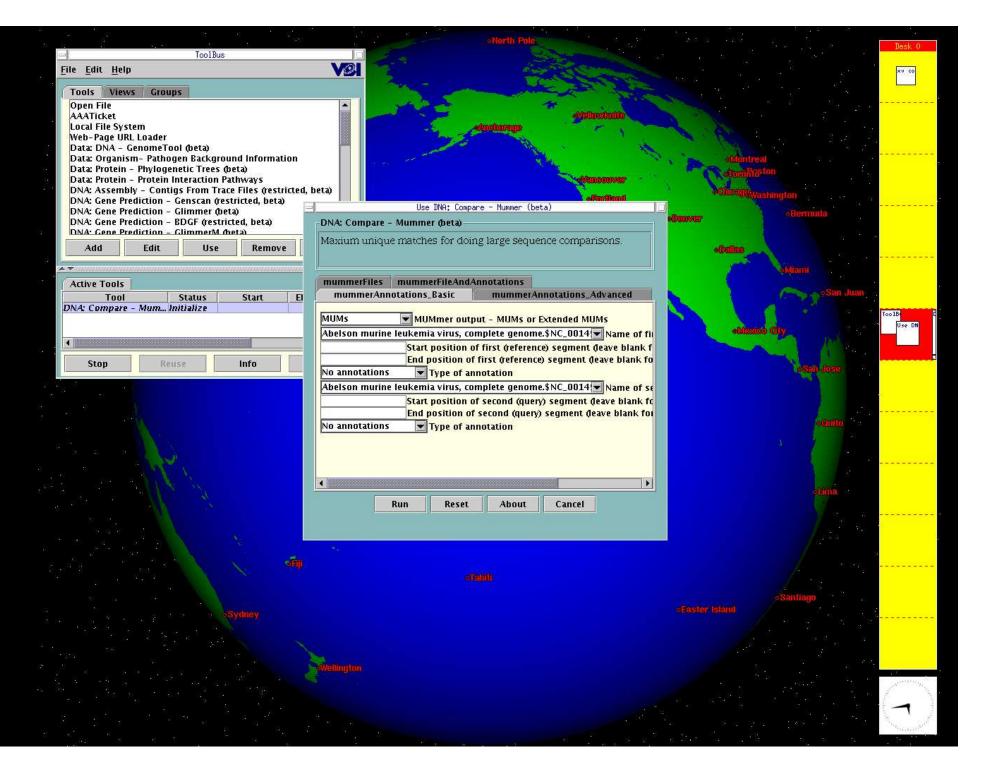
Comparing Vaccinia & Variola

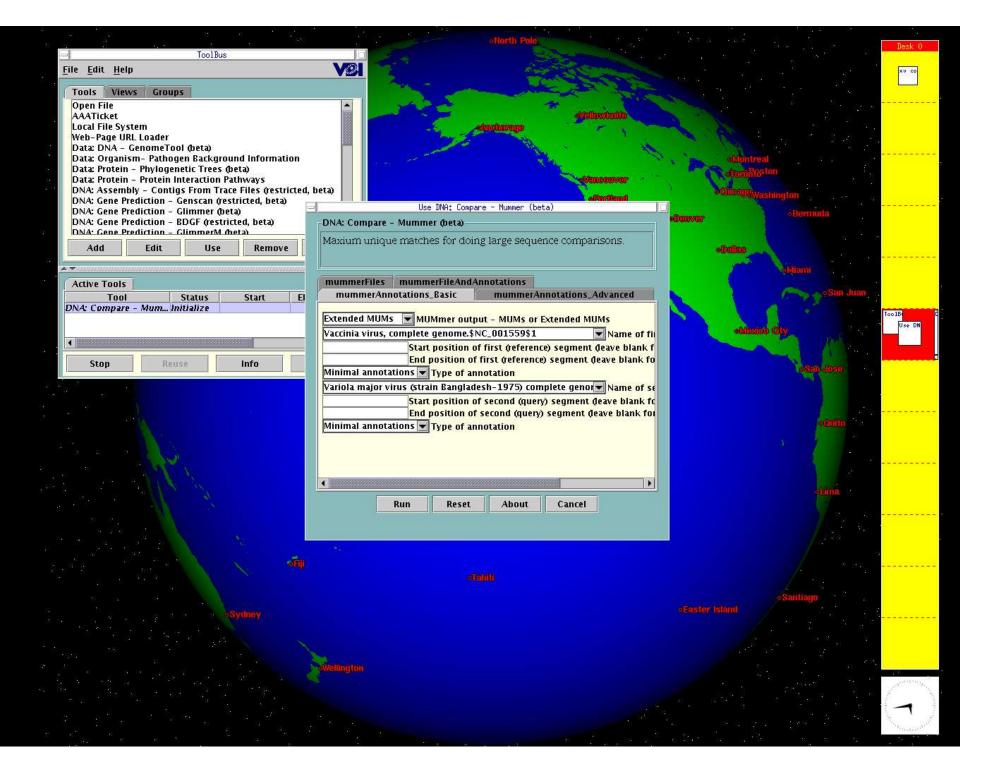
MUMmer comparison
Blast search
ClustalW alignment
Phylogenetic analysis
Pathogen Information

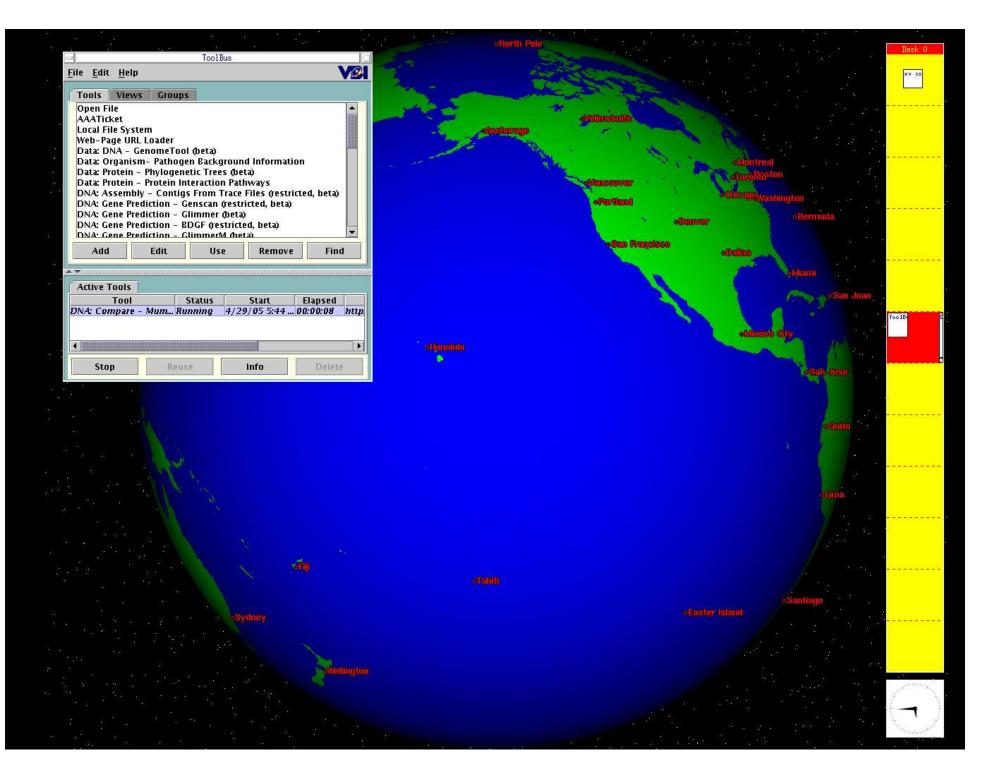


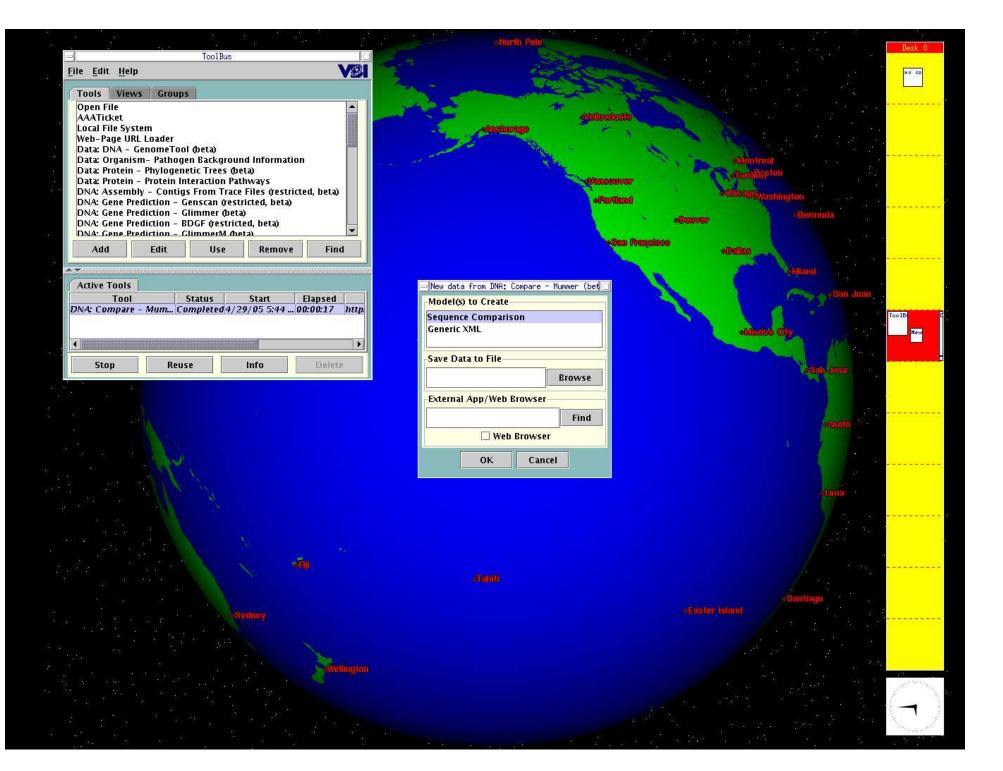


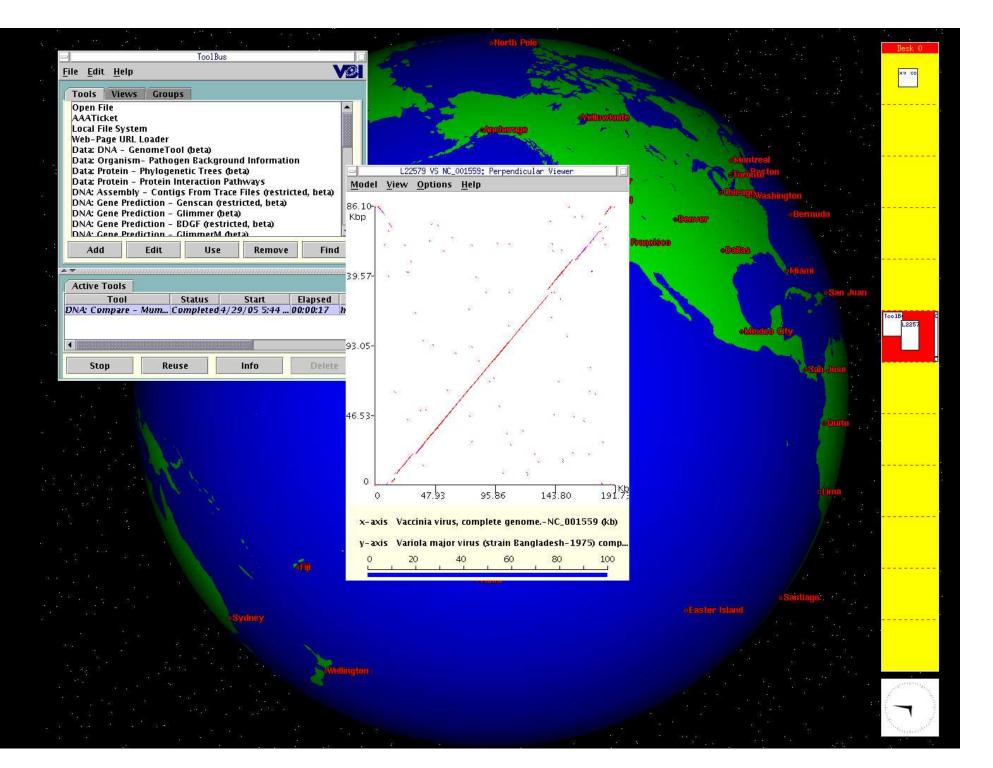


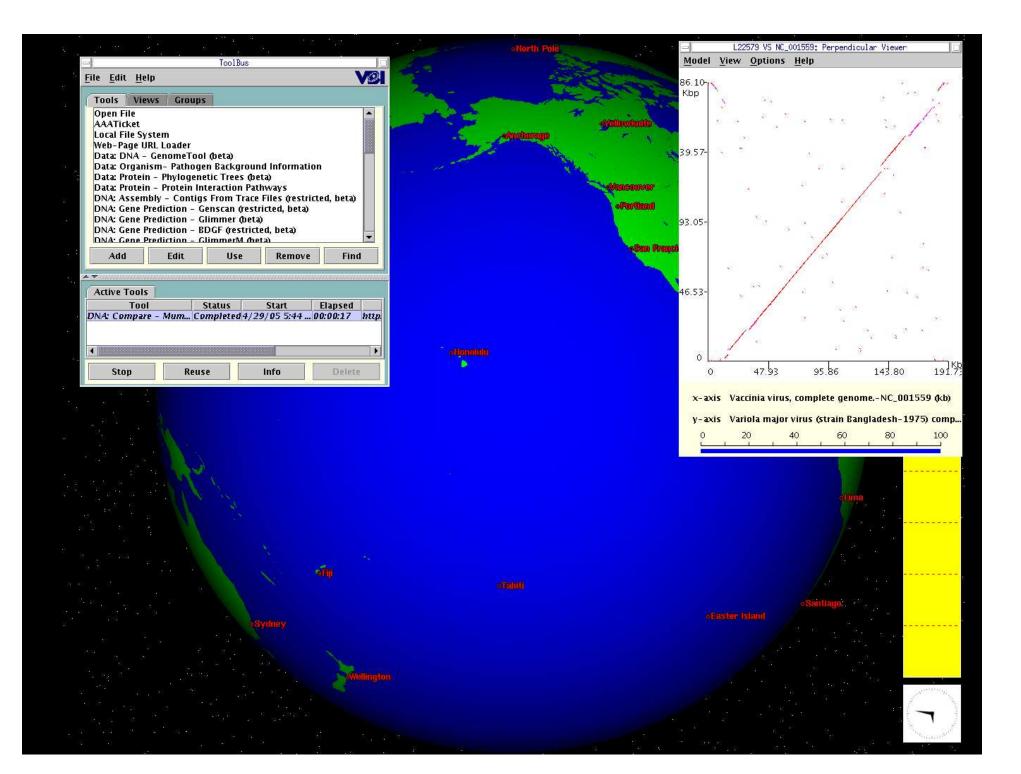


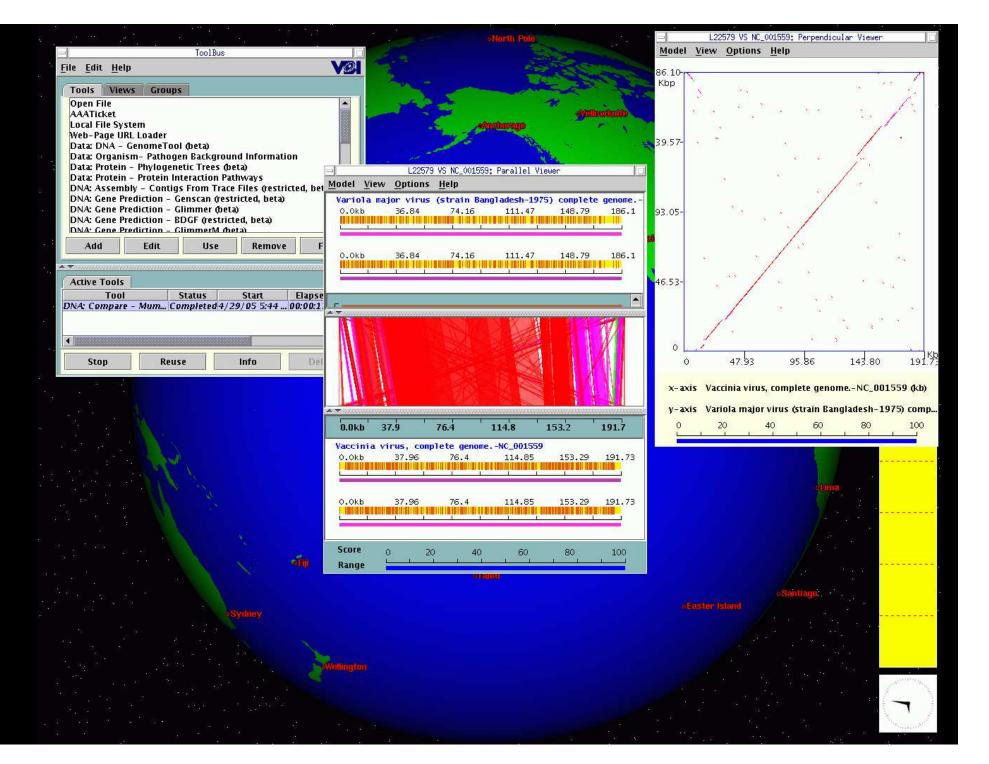


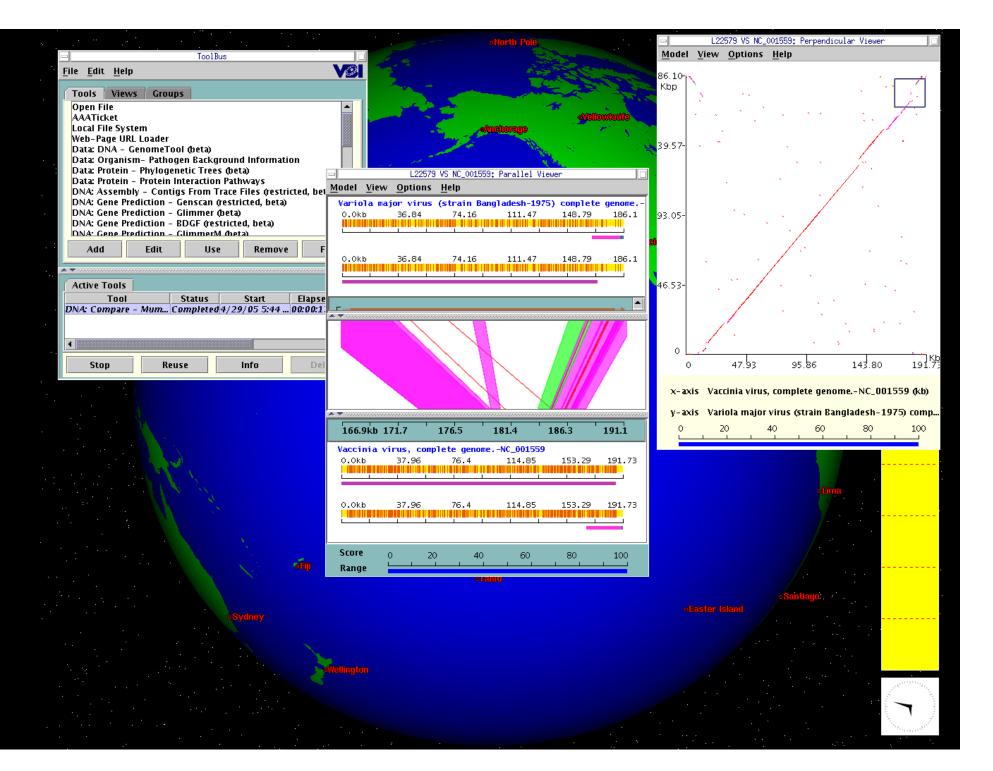


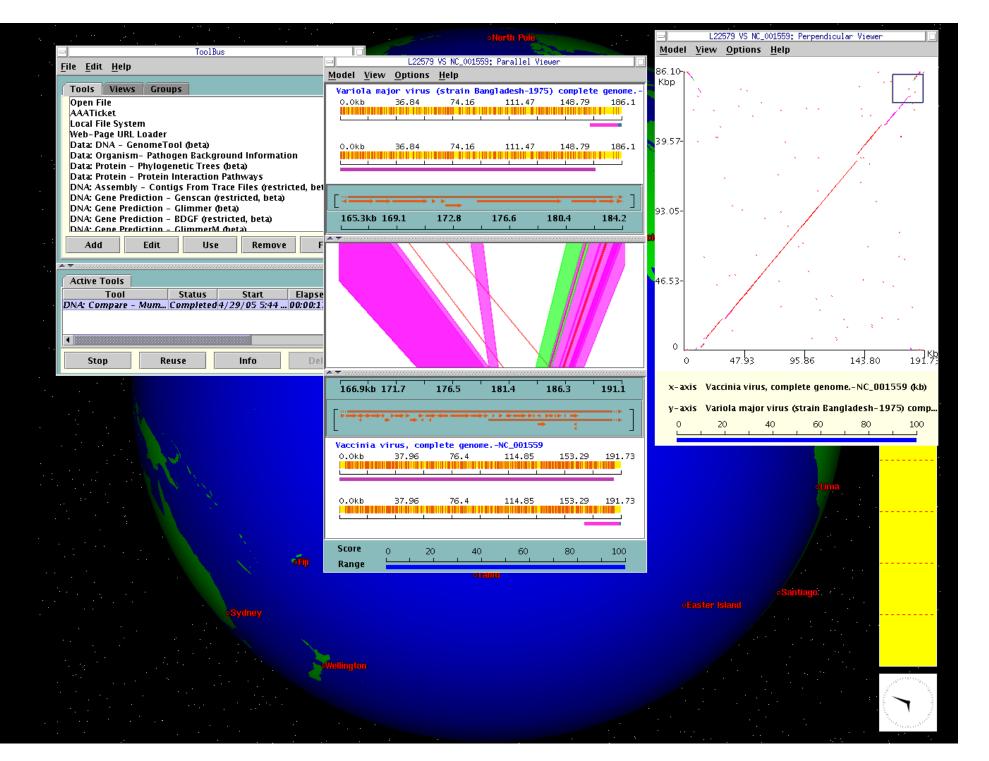


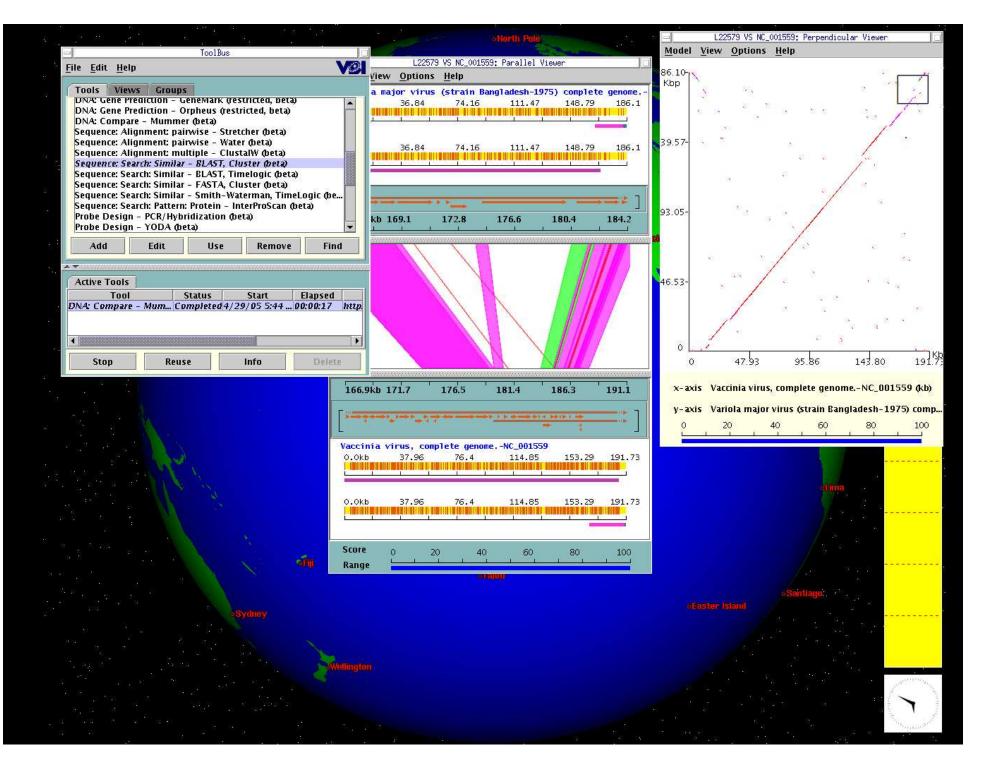


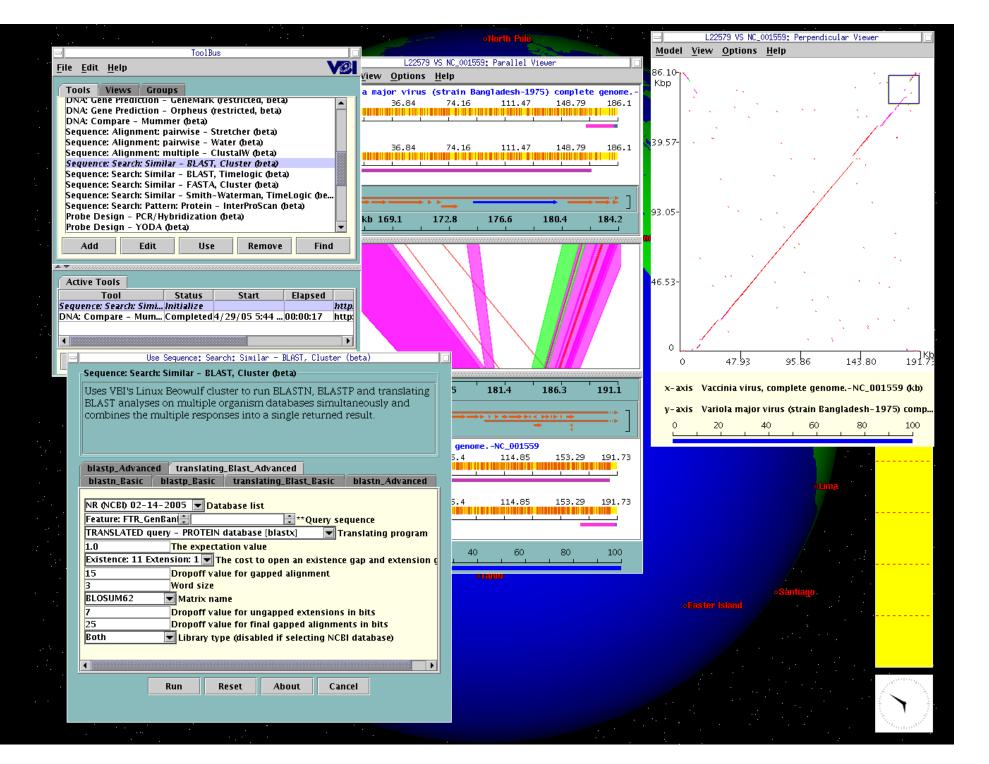


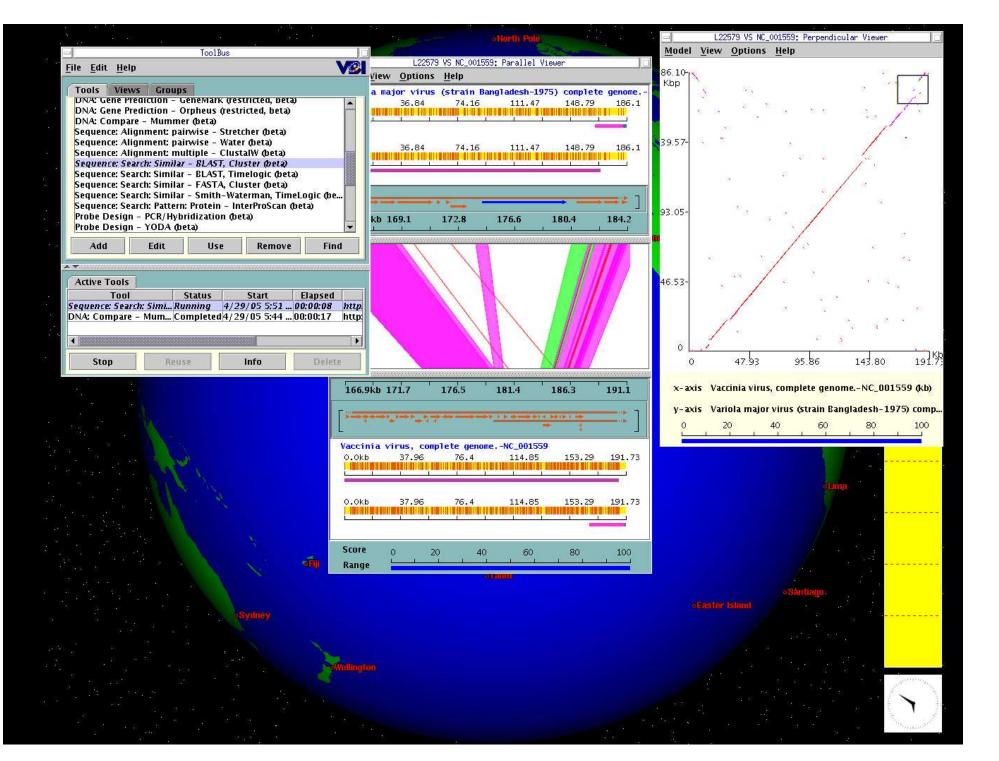


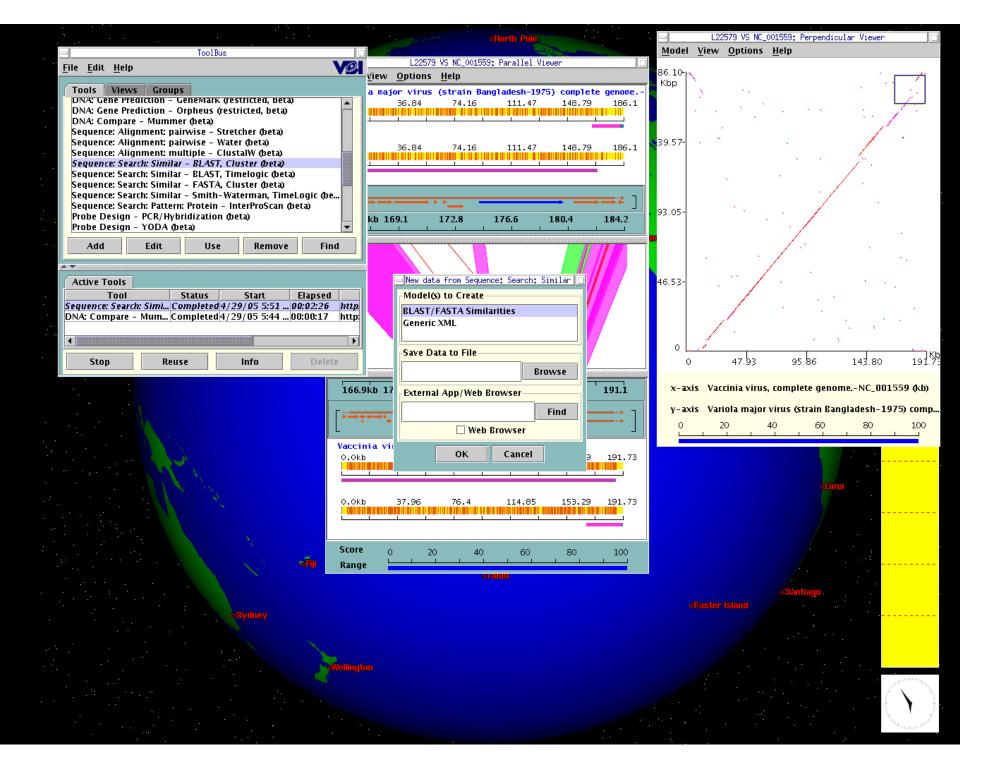


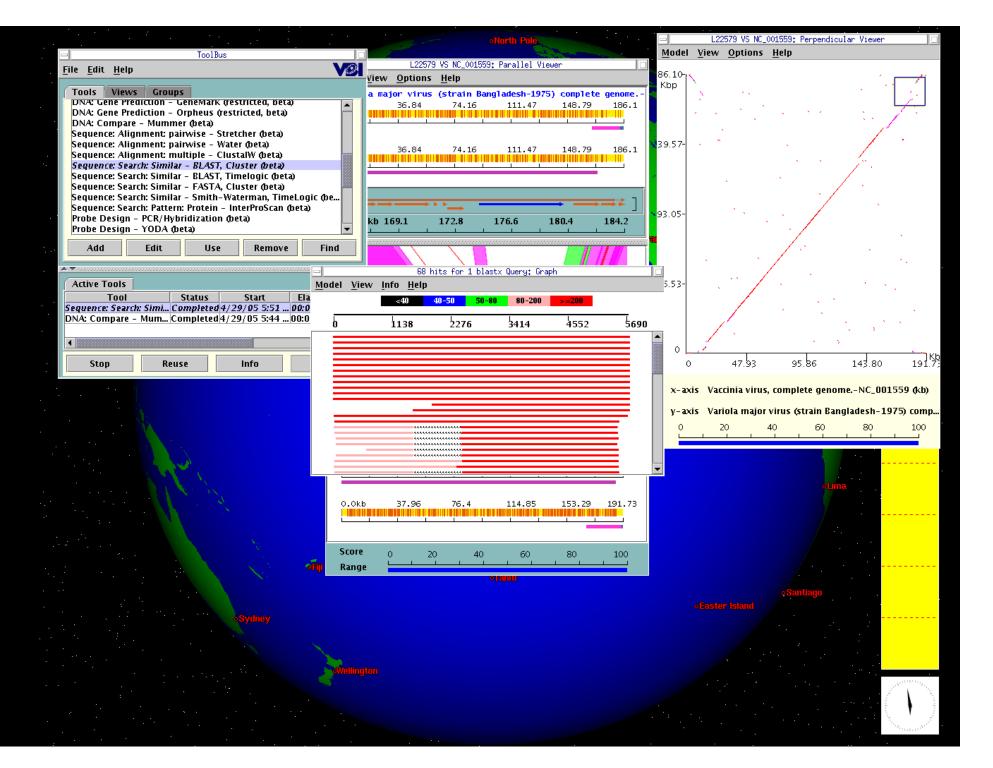


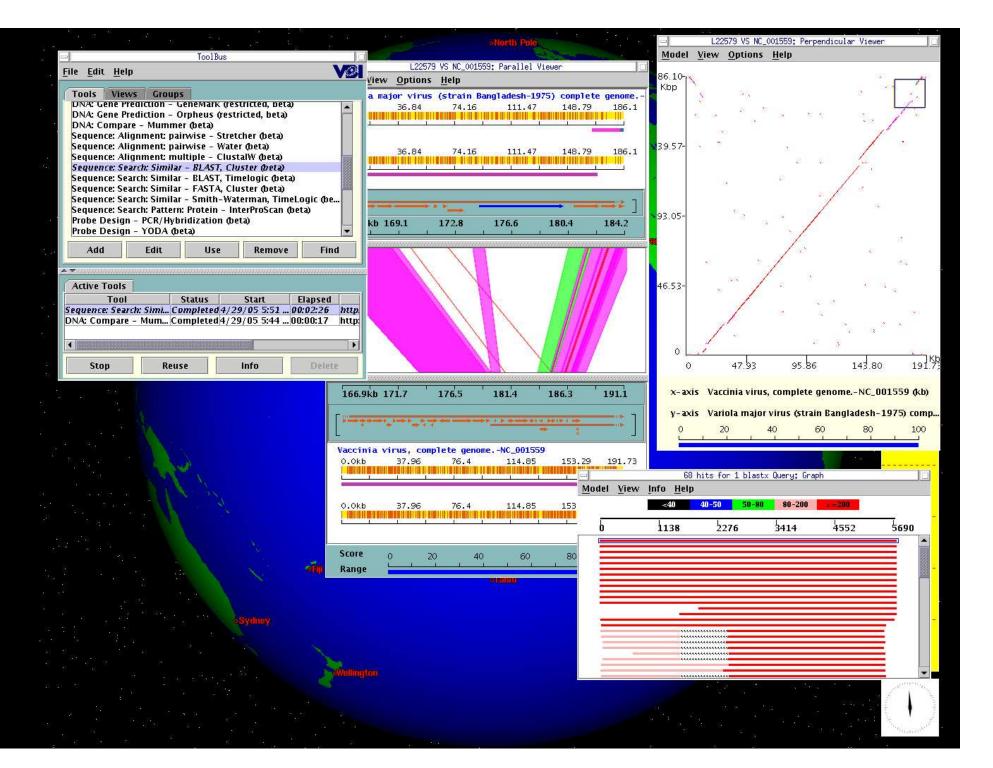


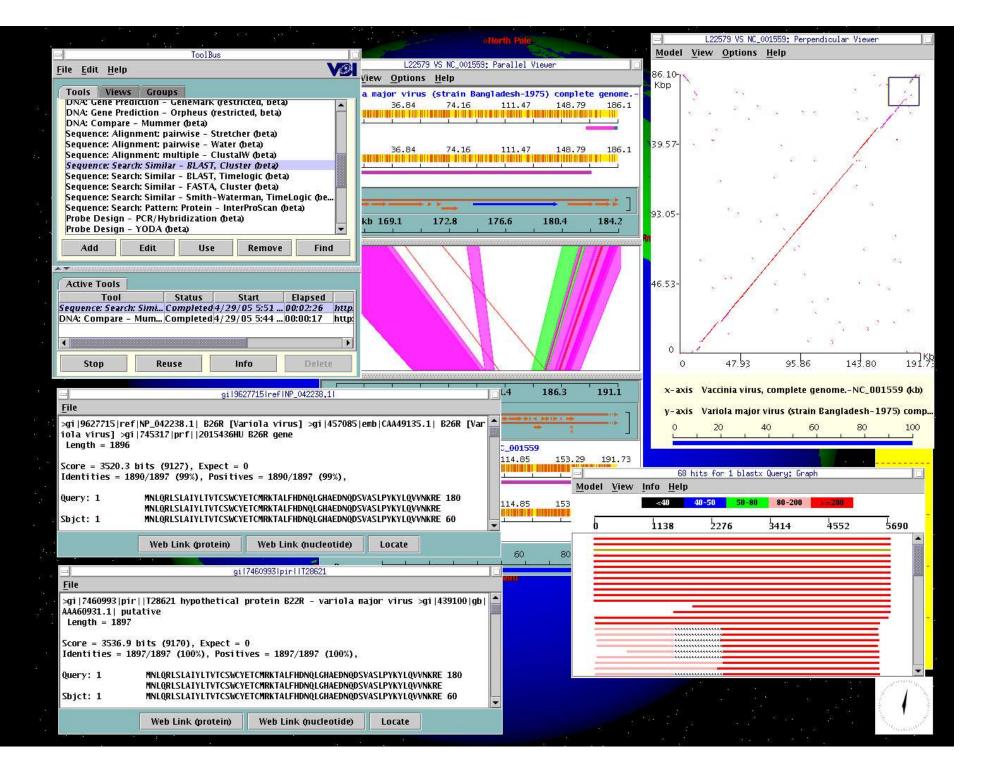


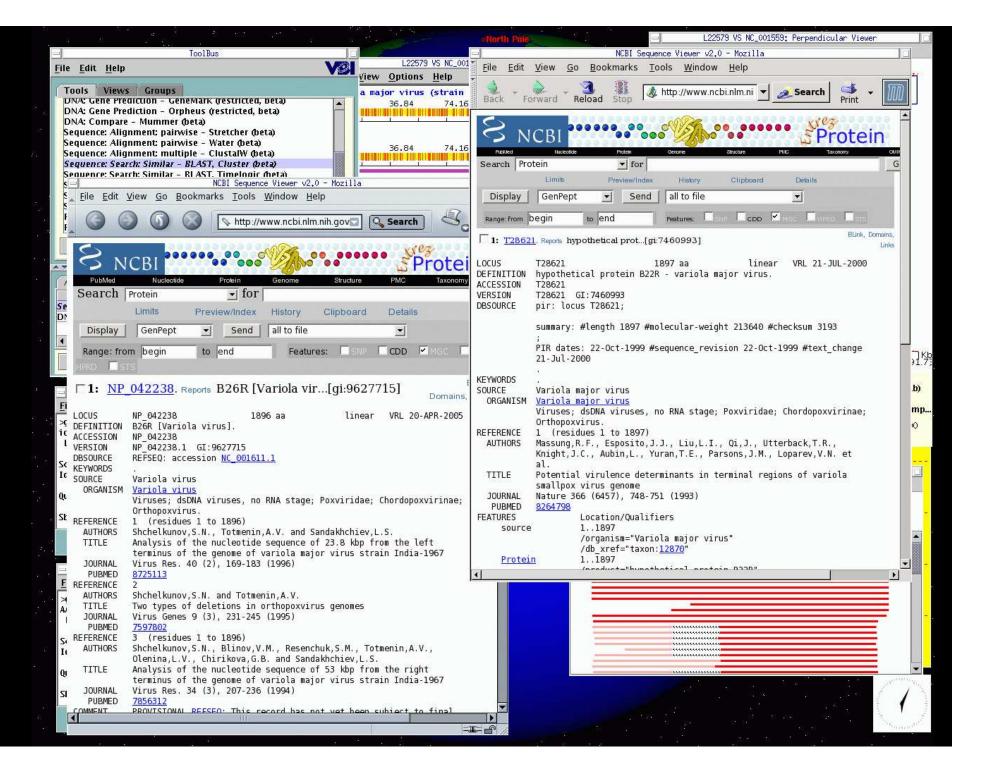


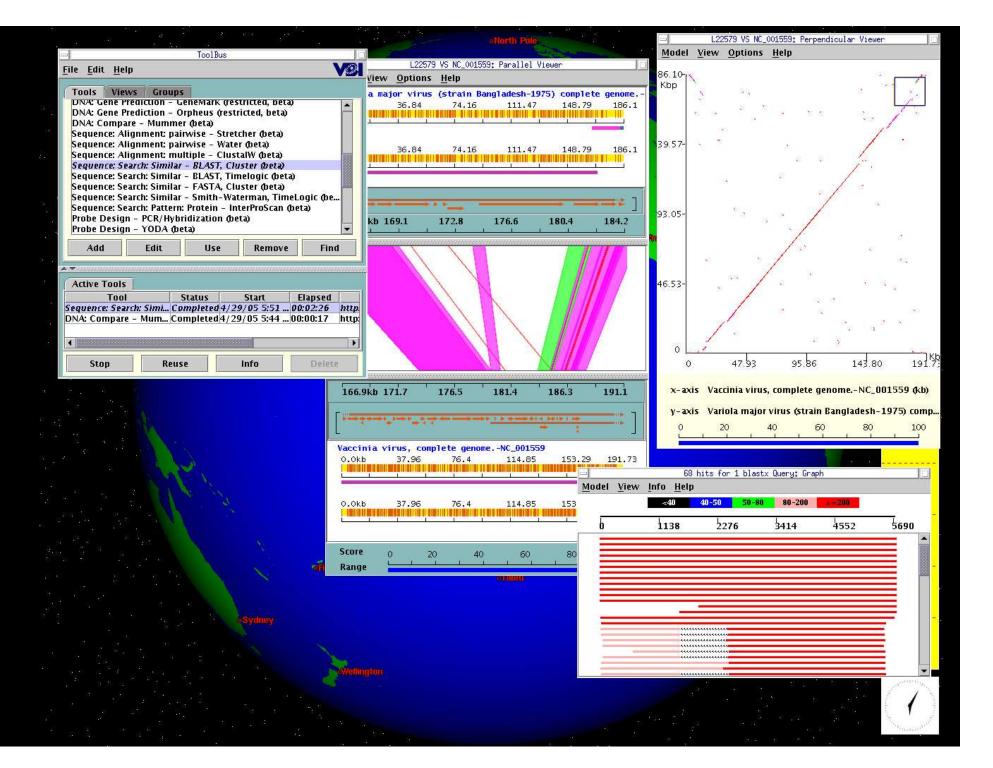


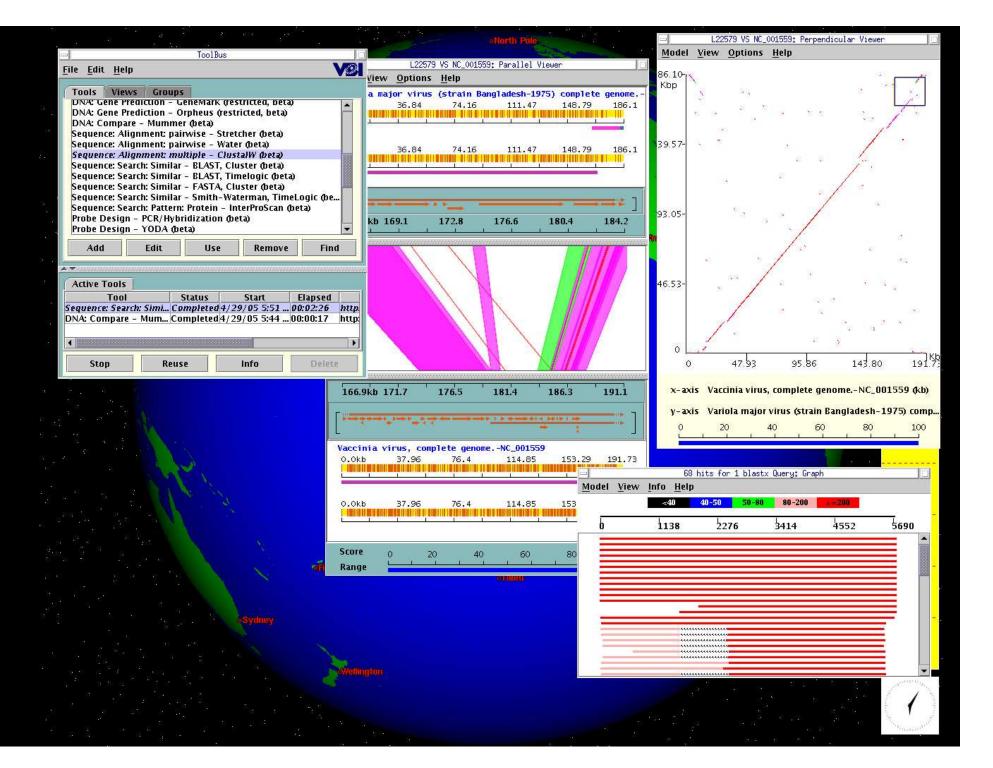


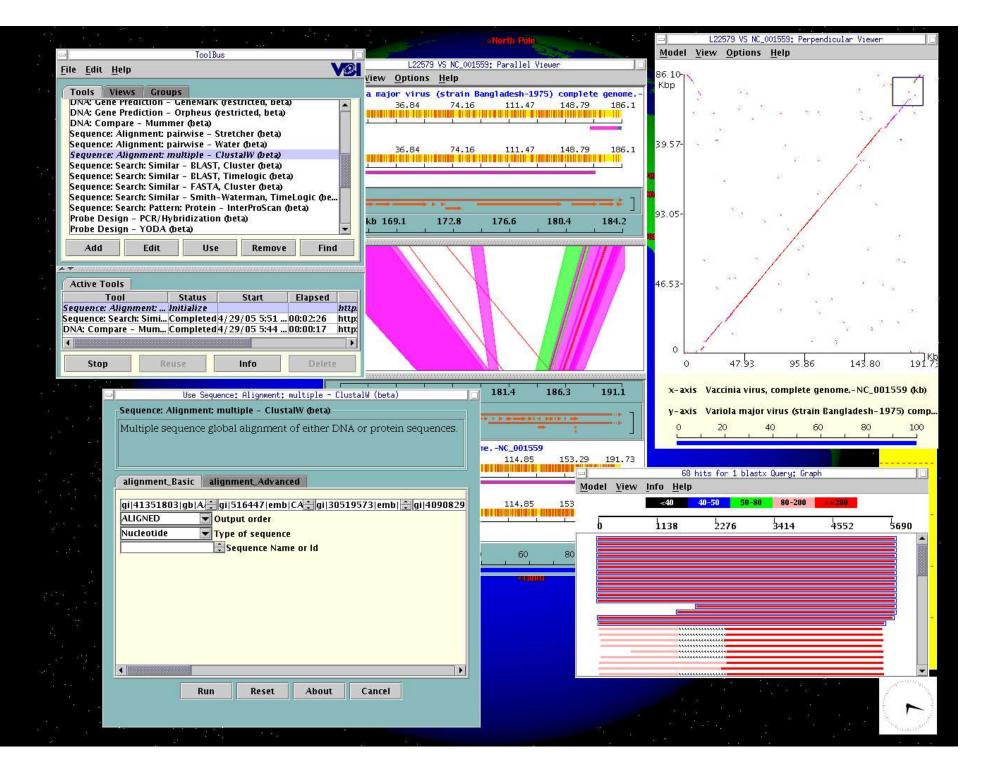


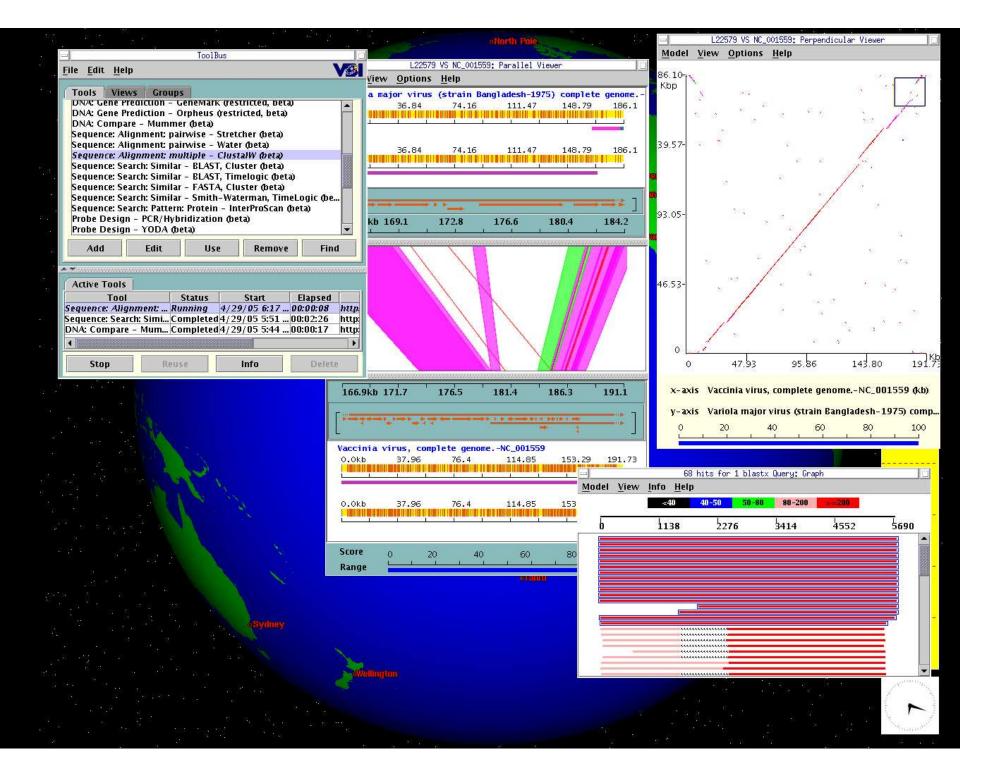


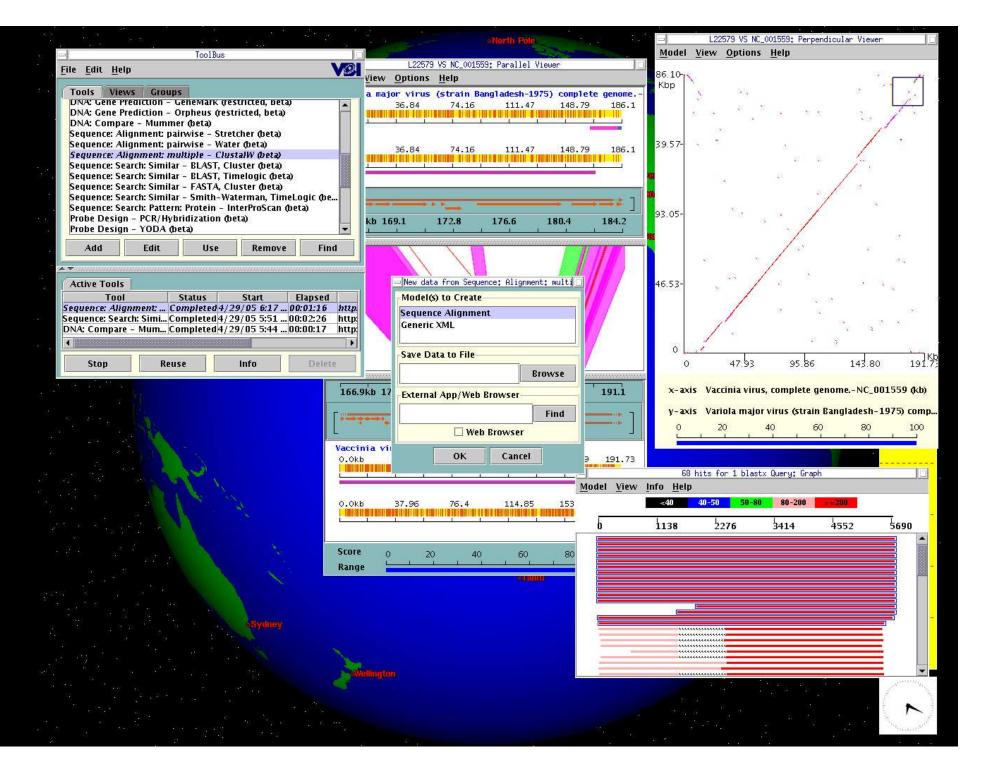


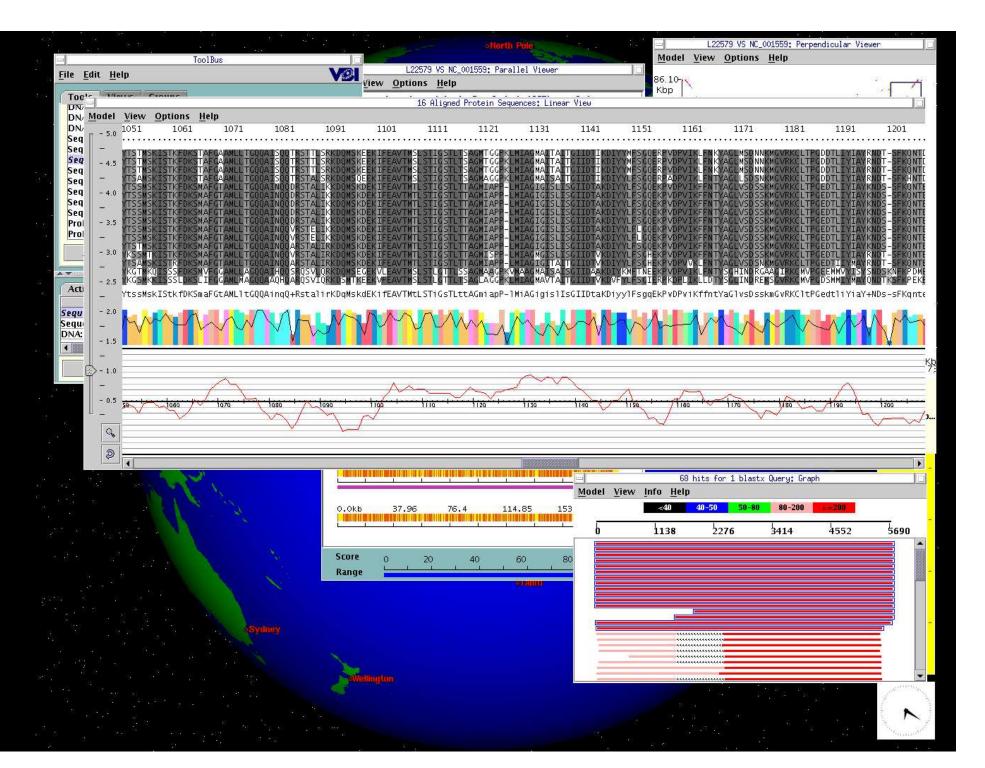


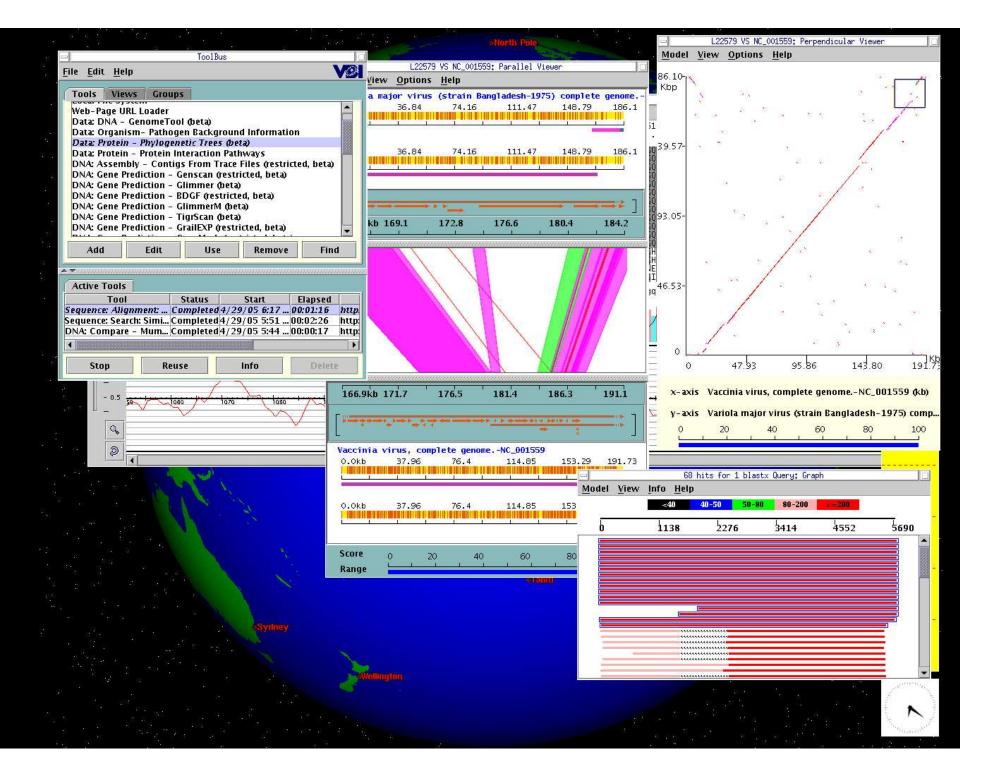


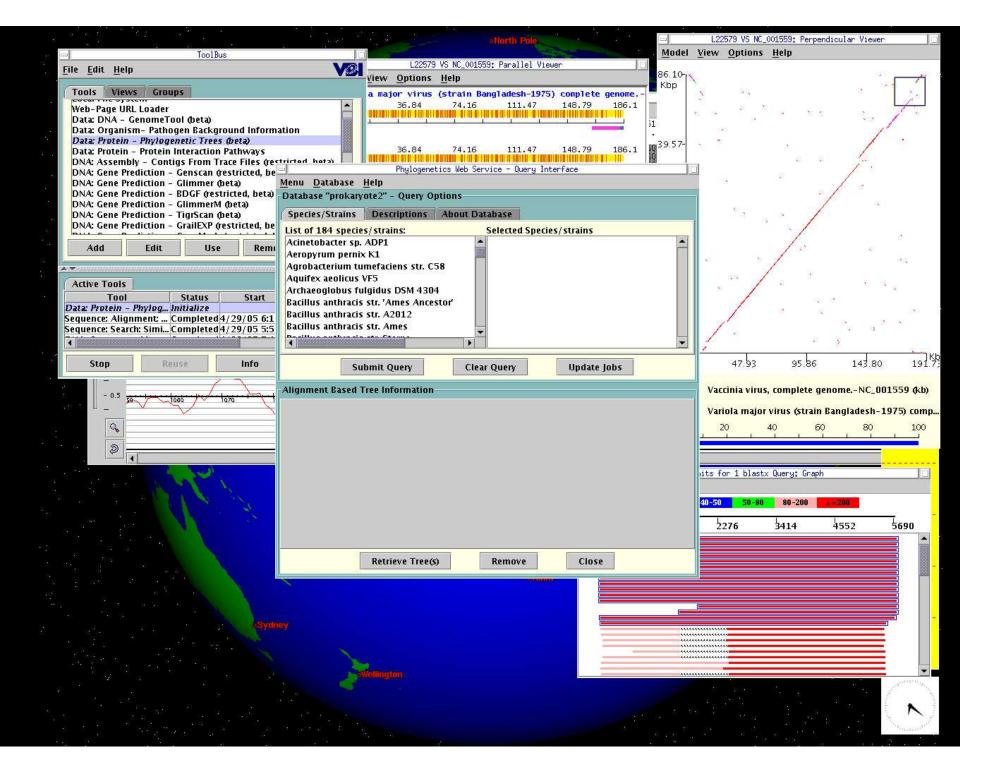


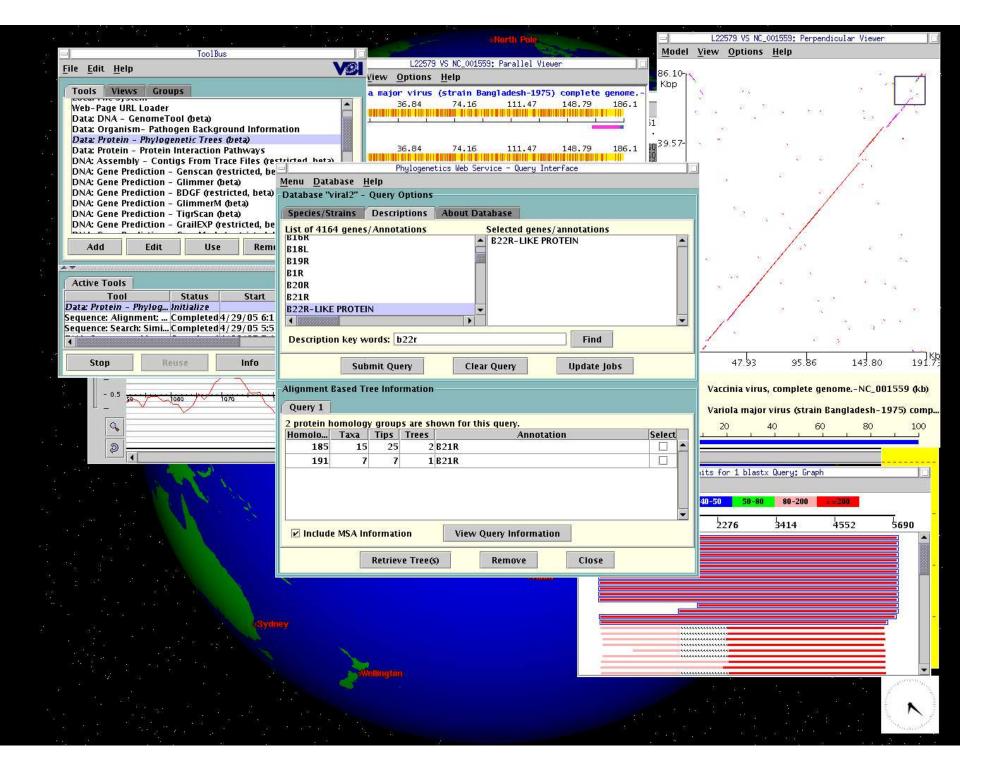


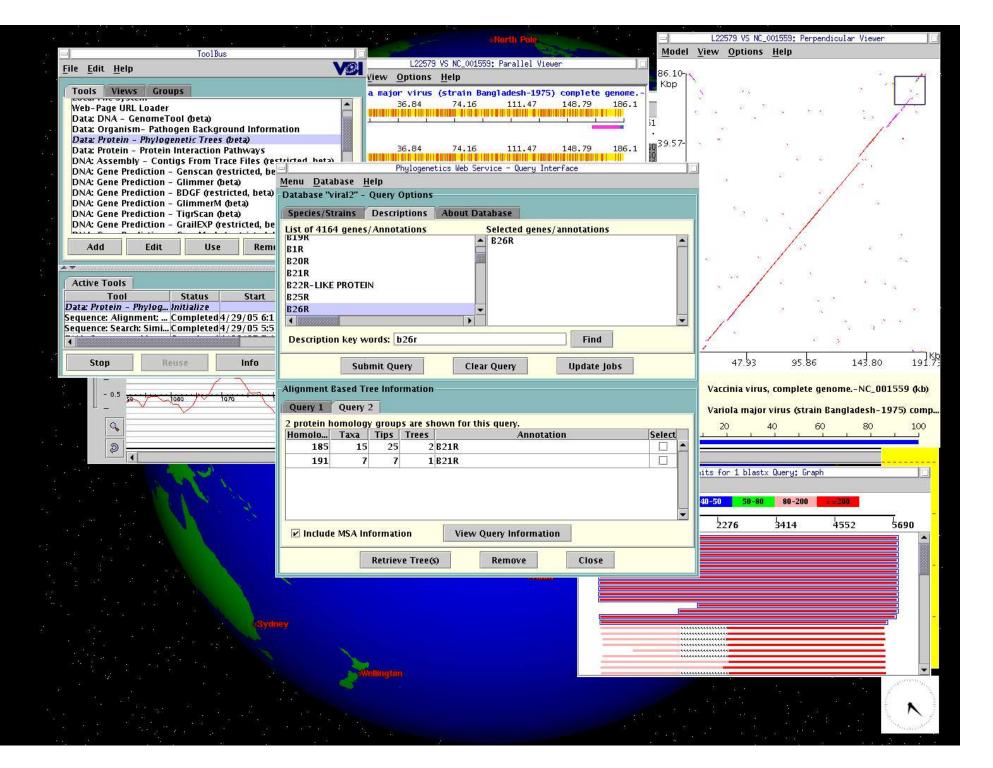


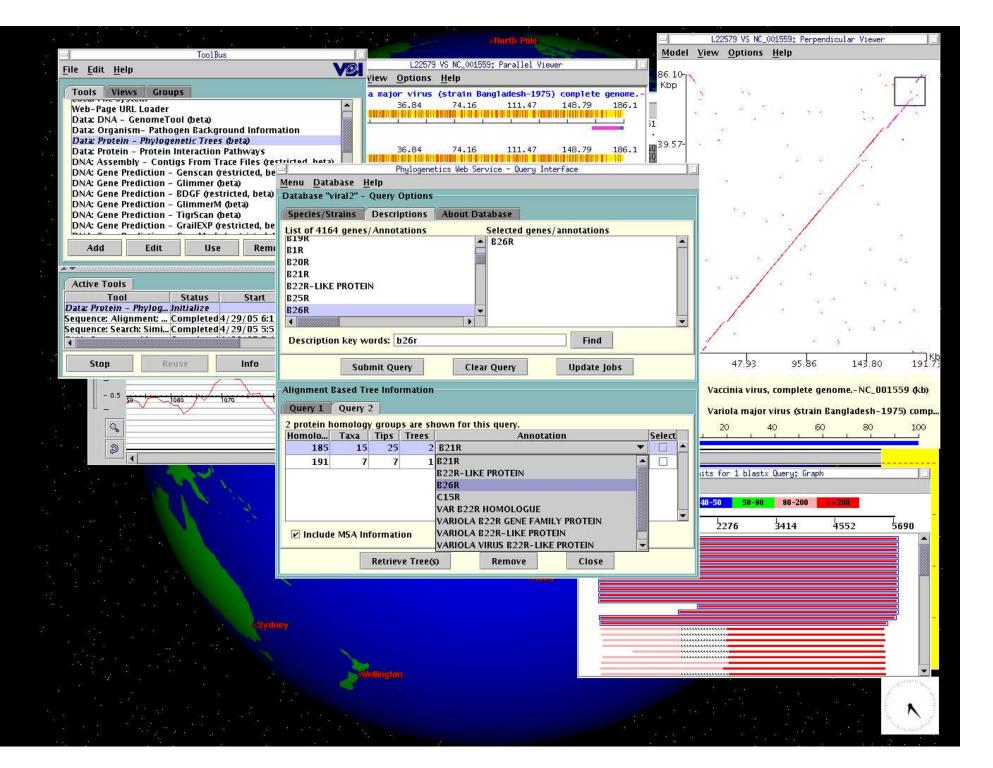


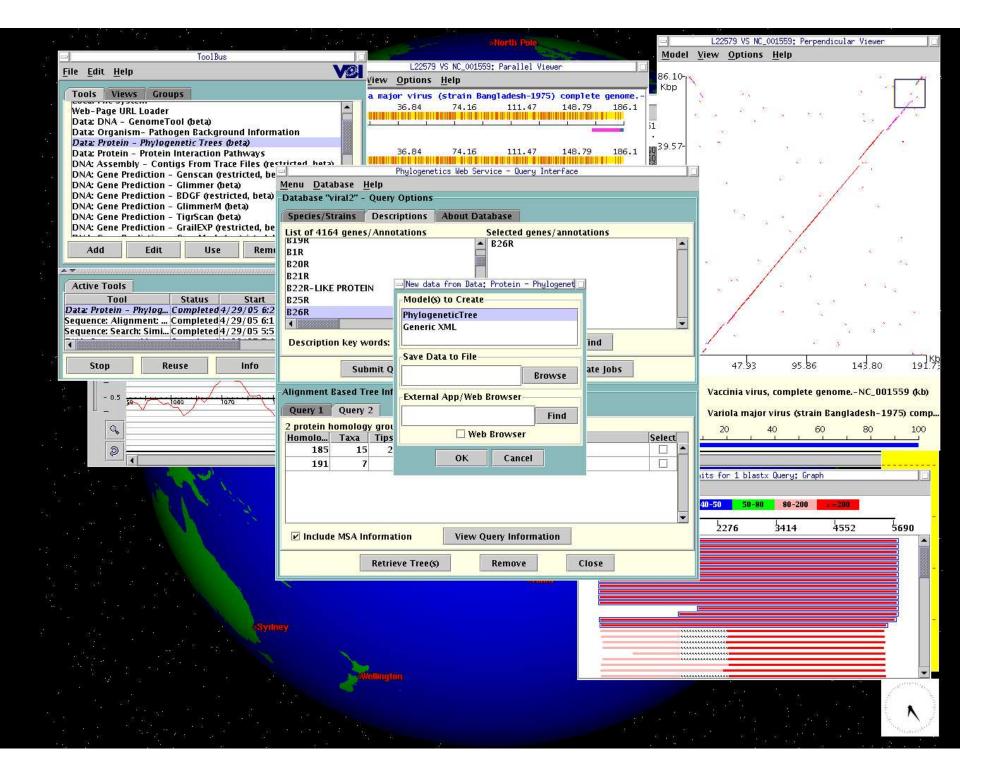


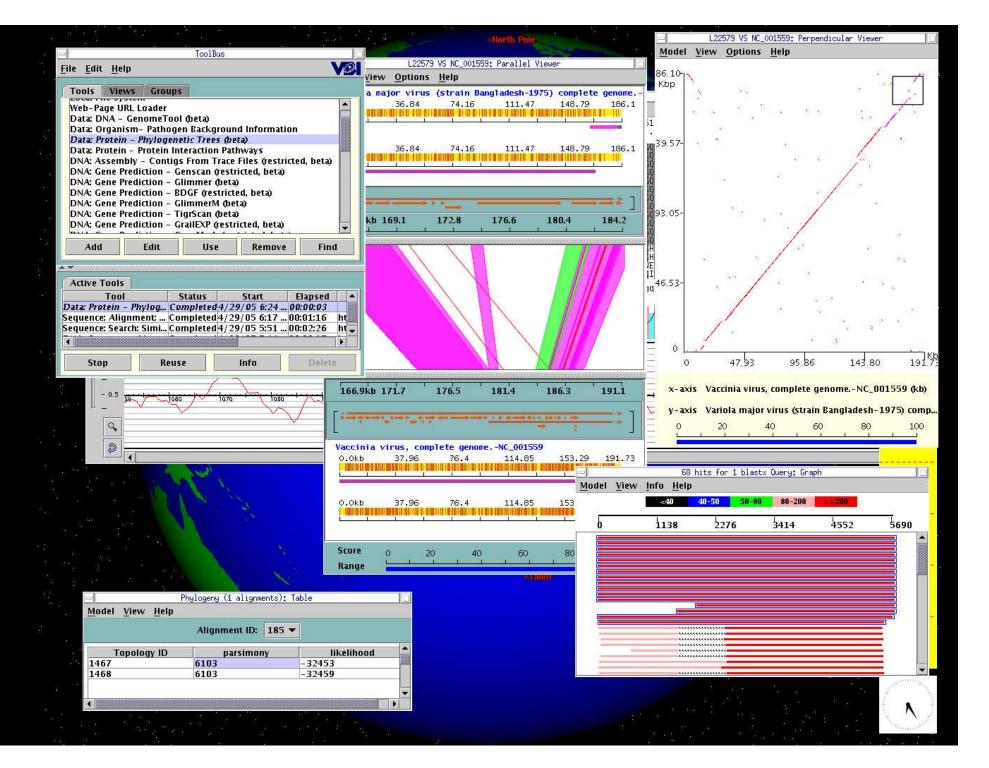


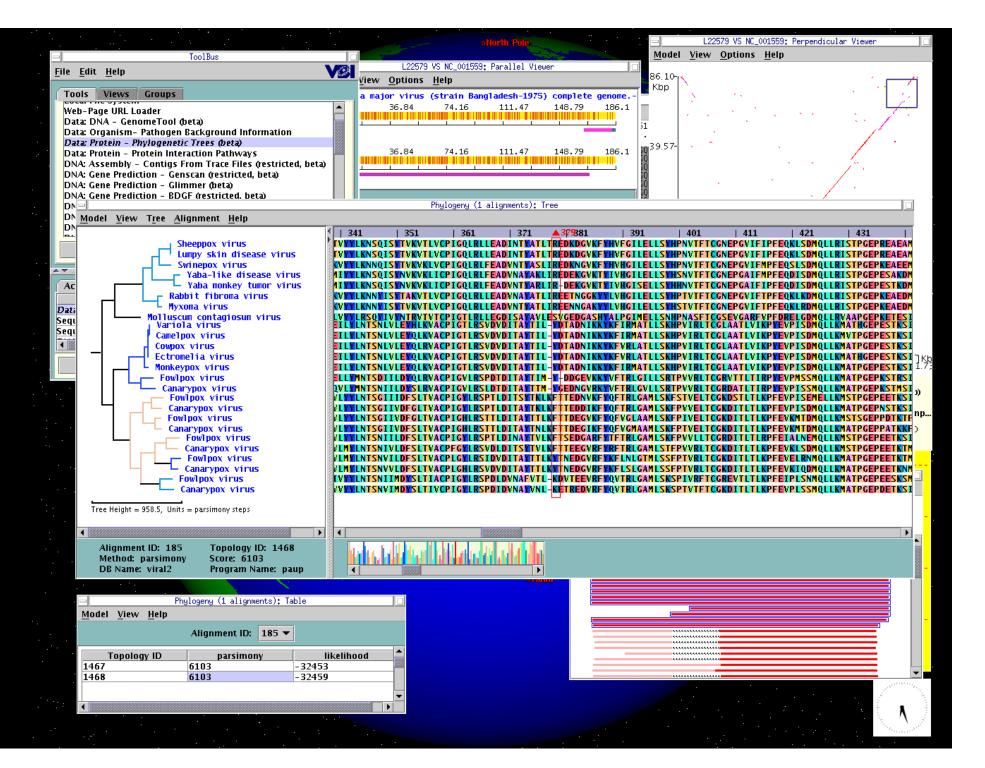




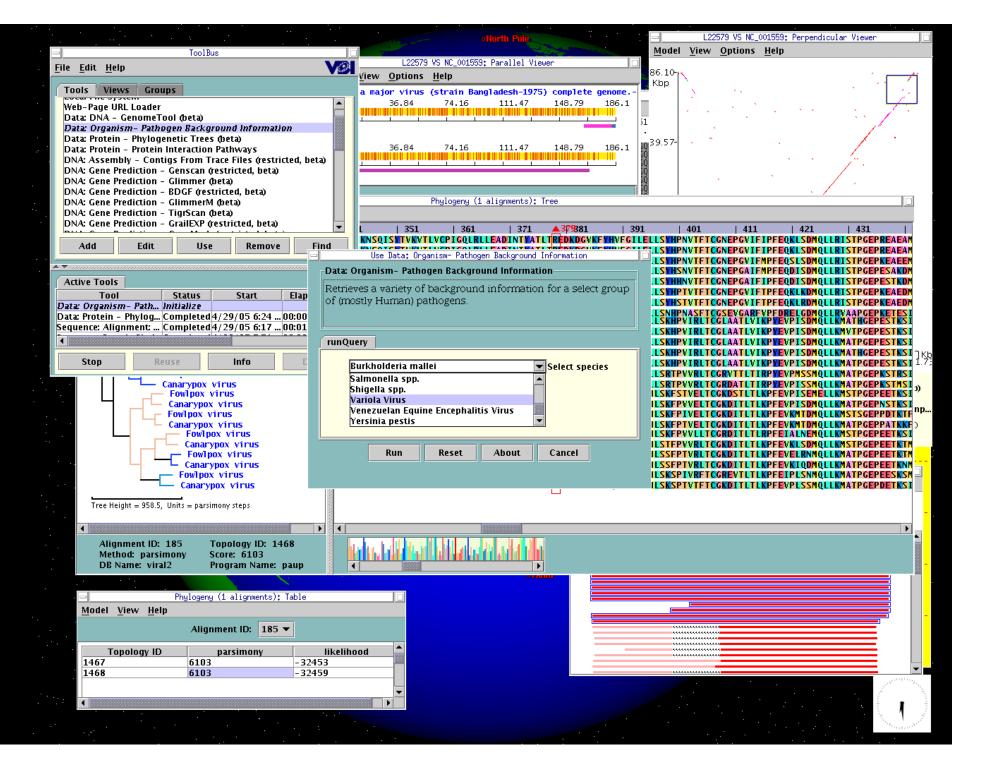


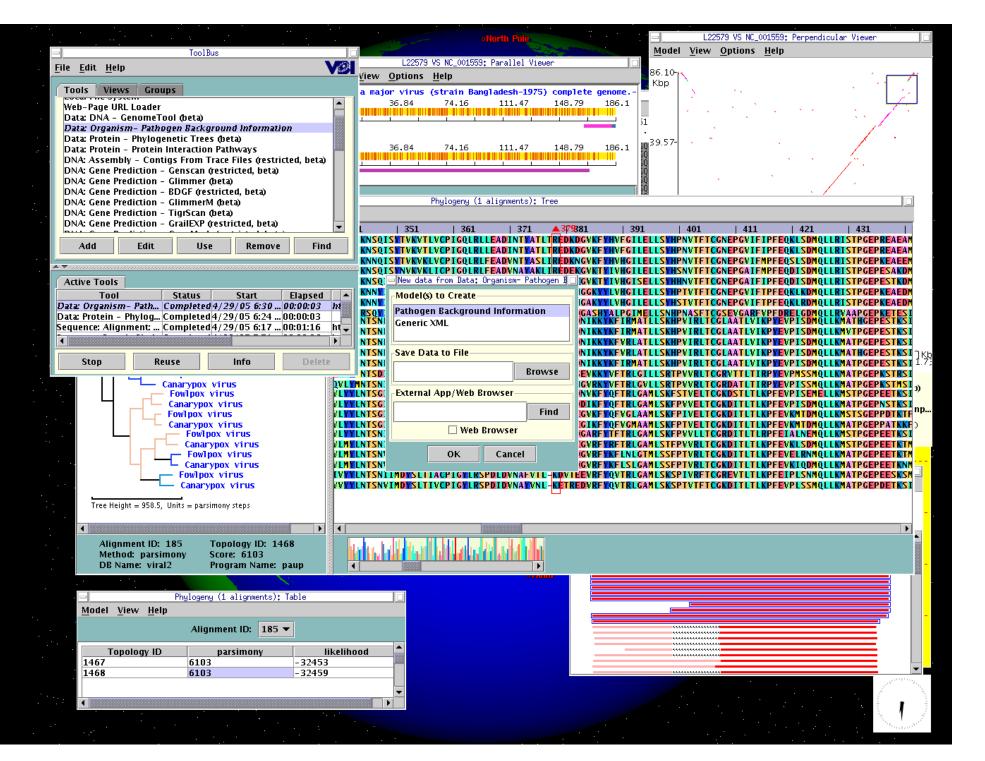


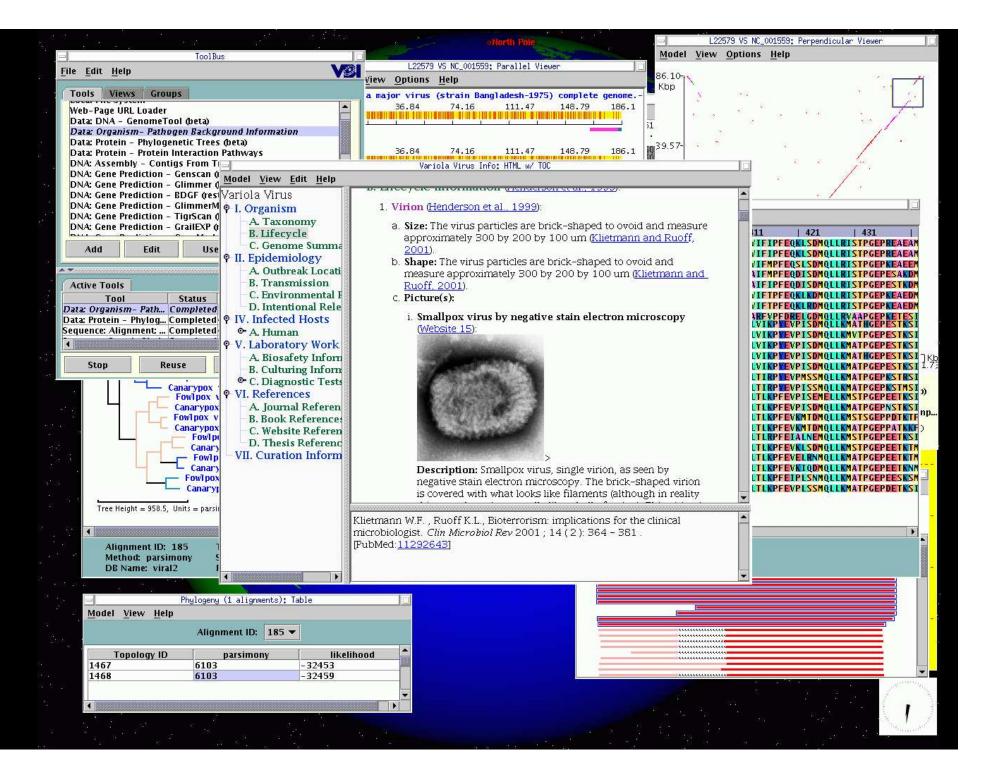










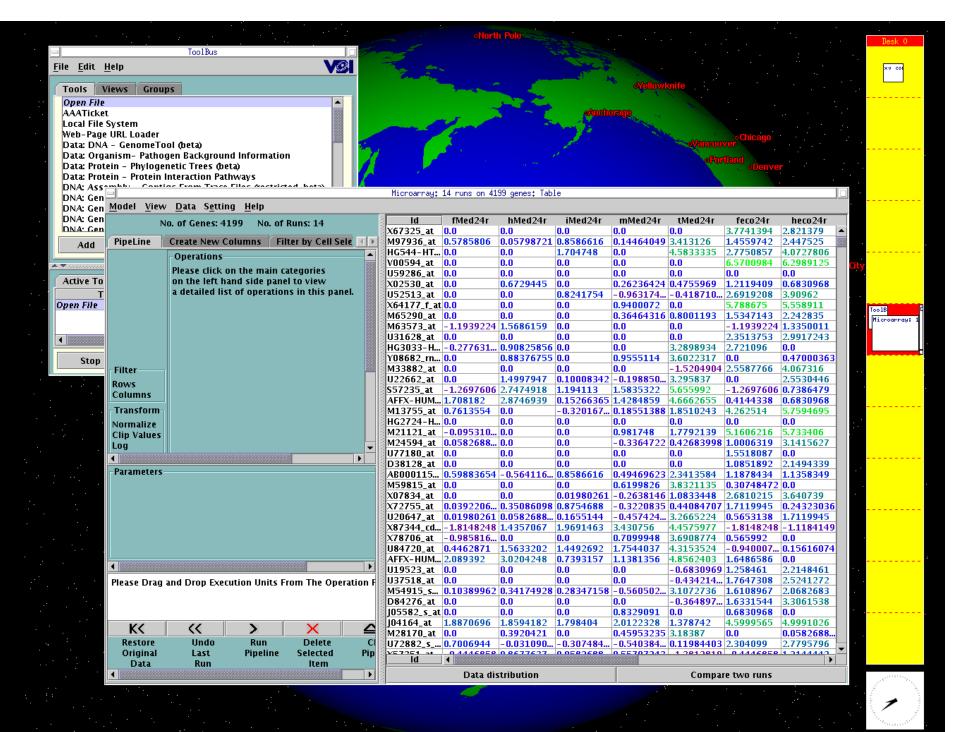


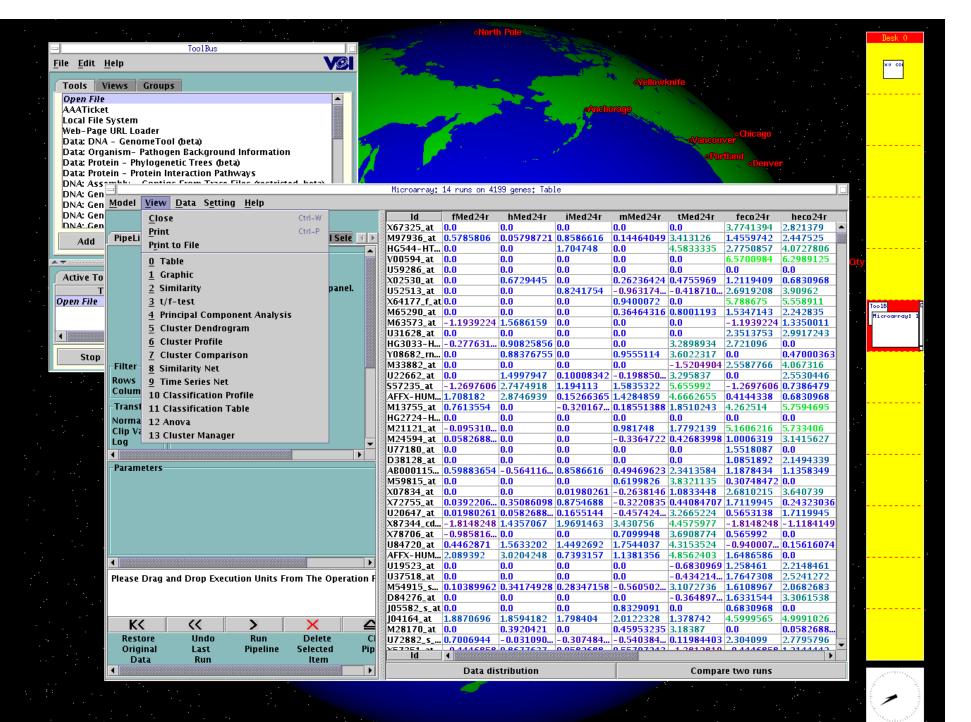
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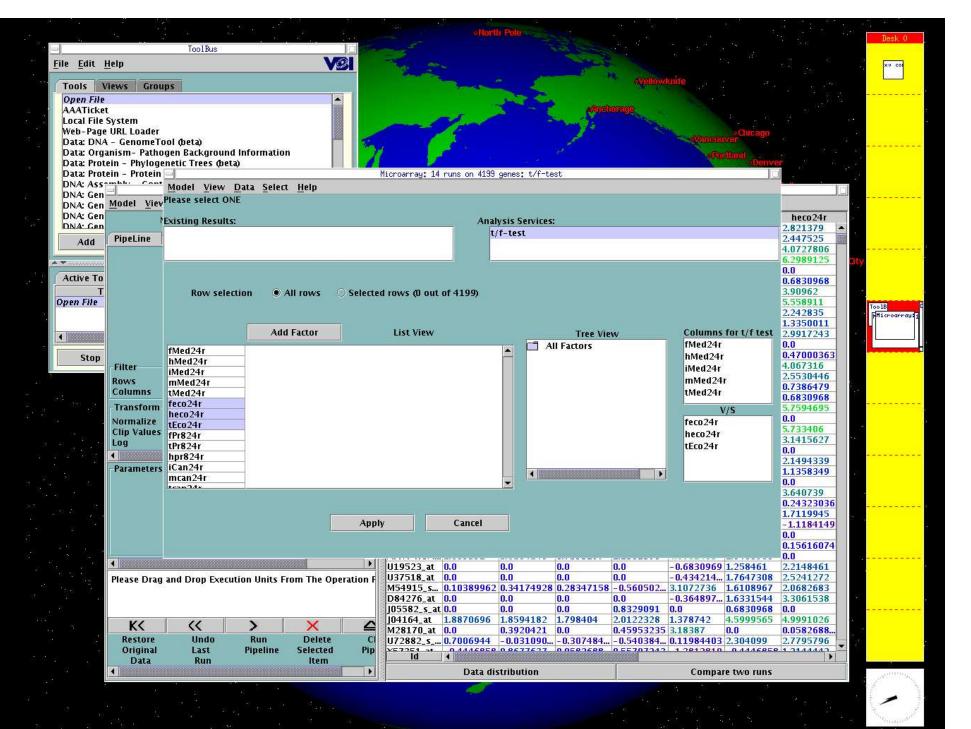
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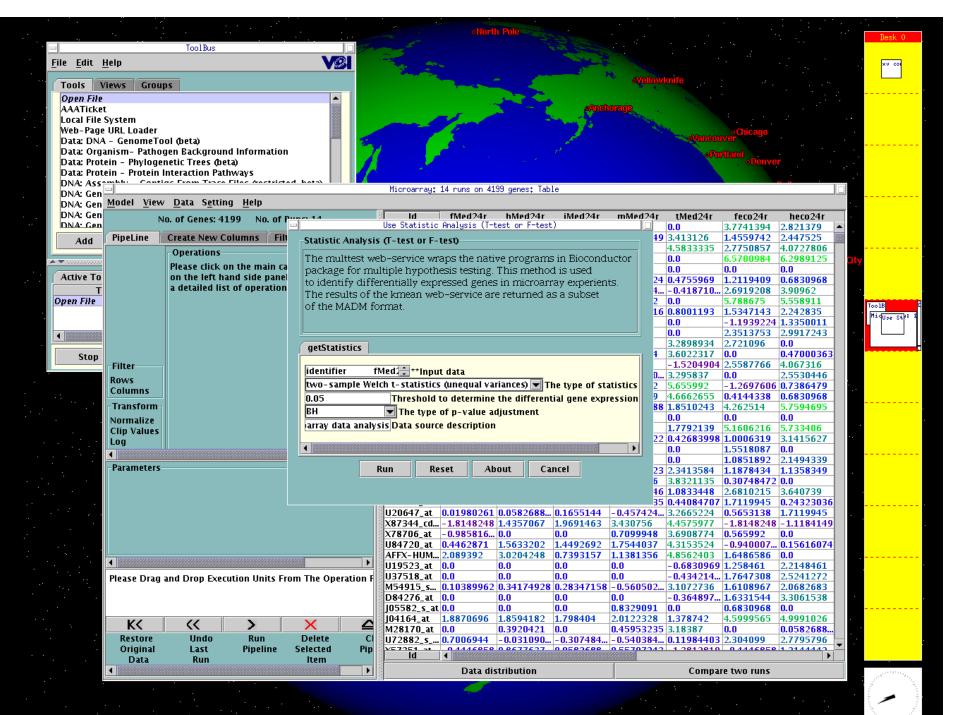


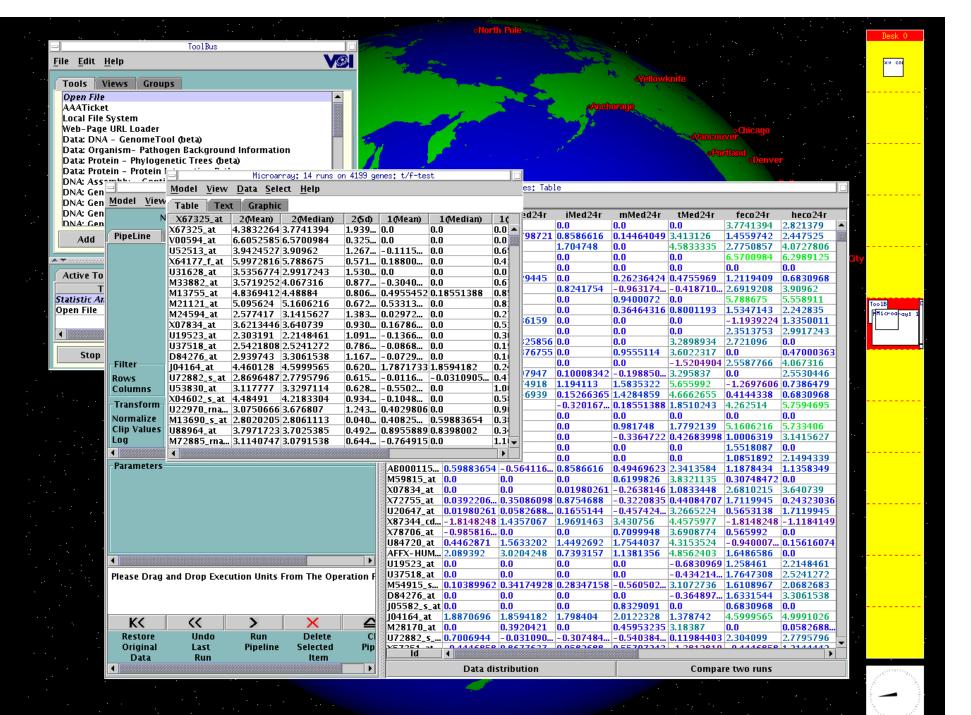


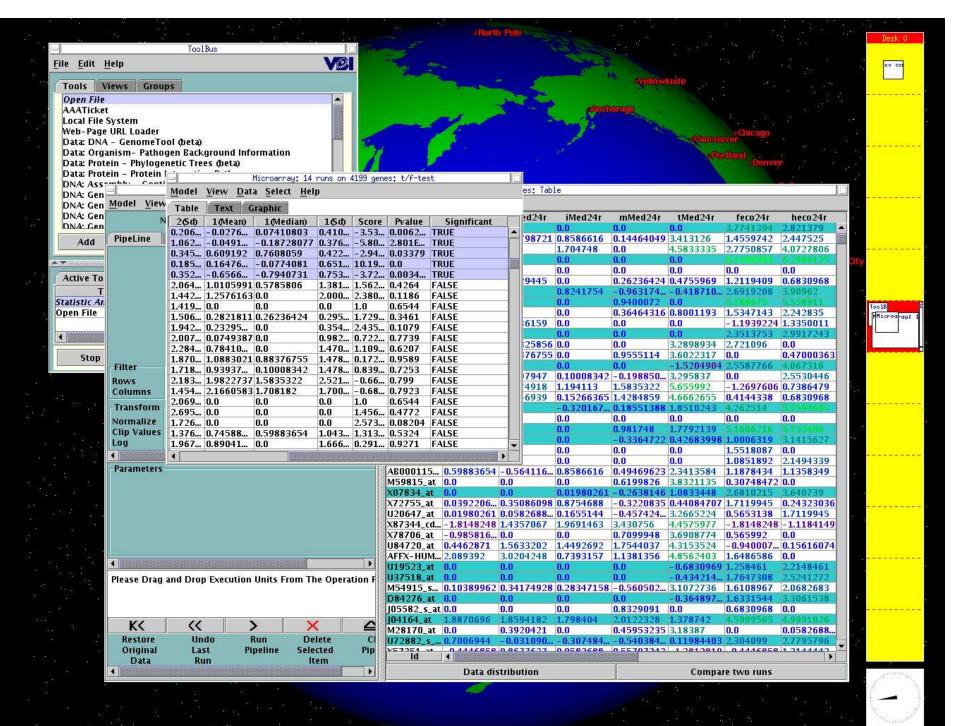


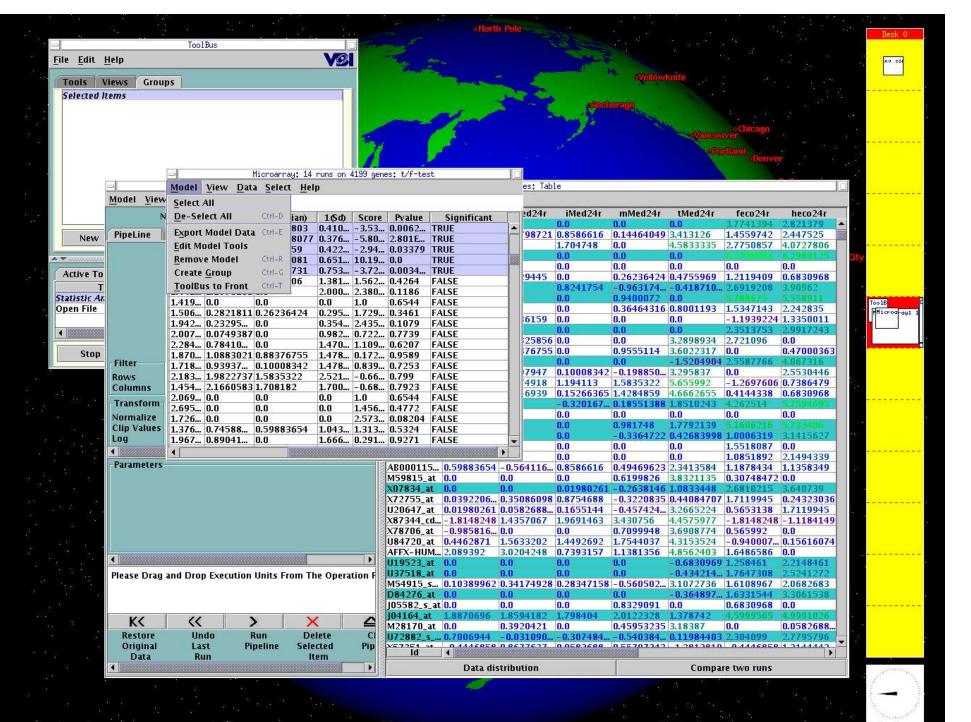


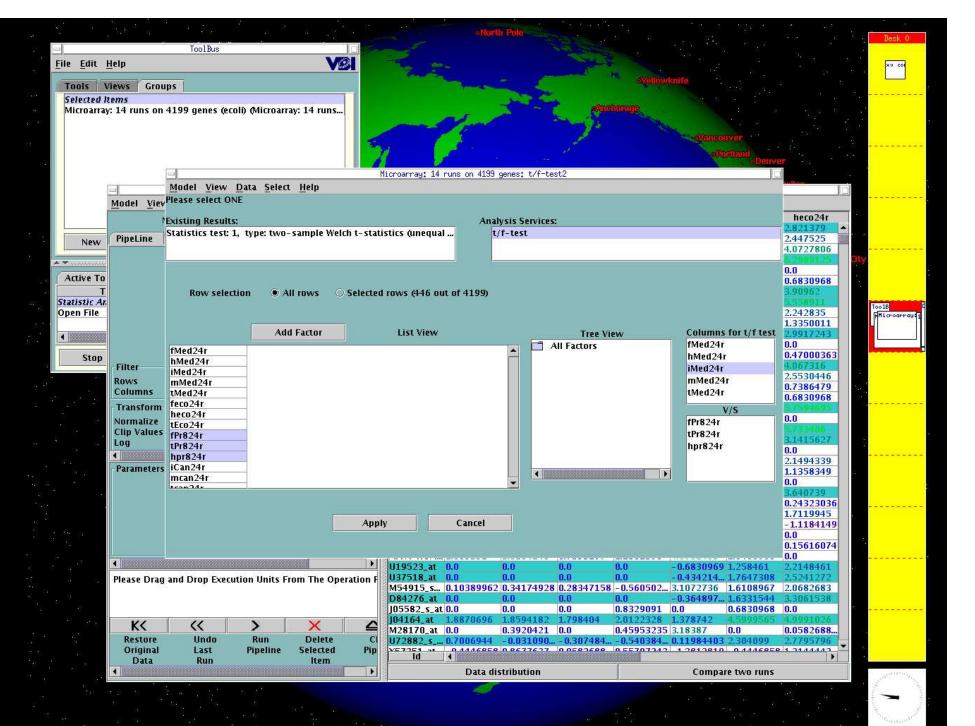


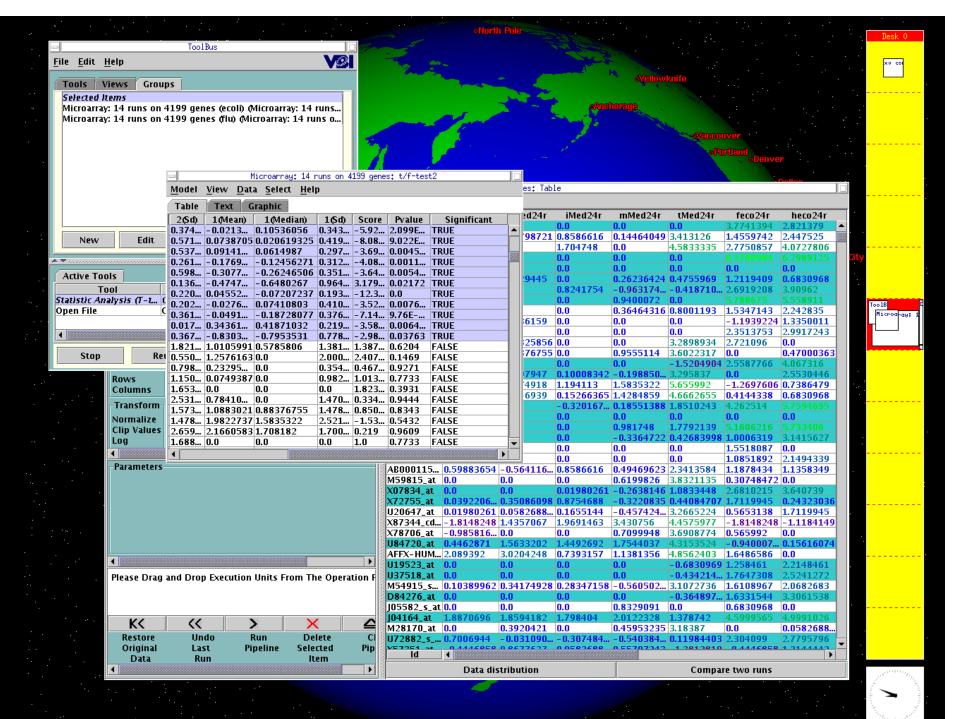


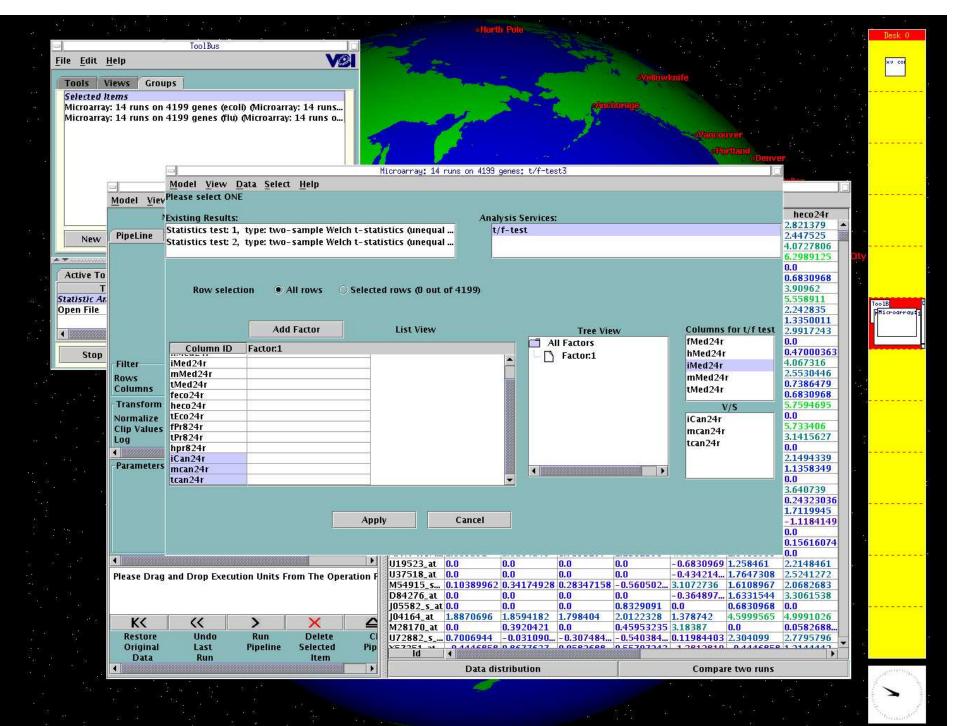


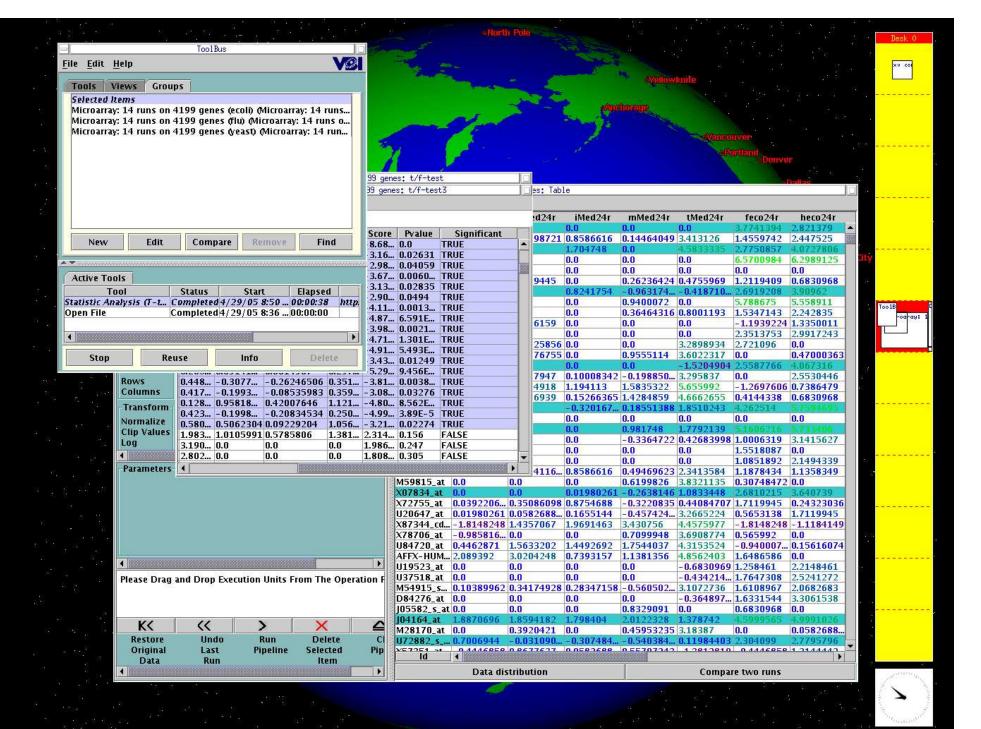


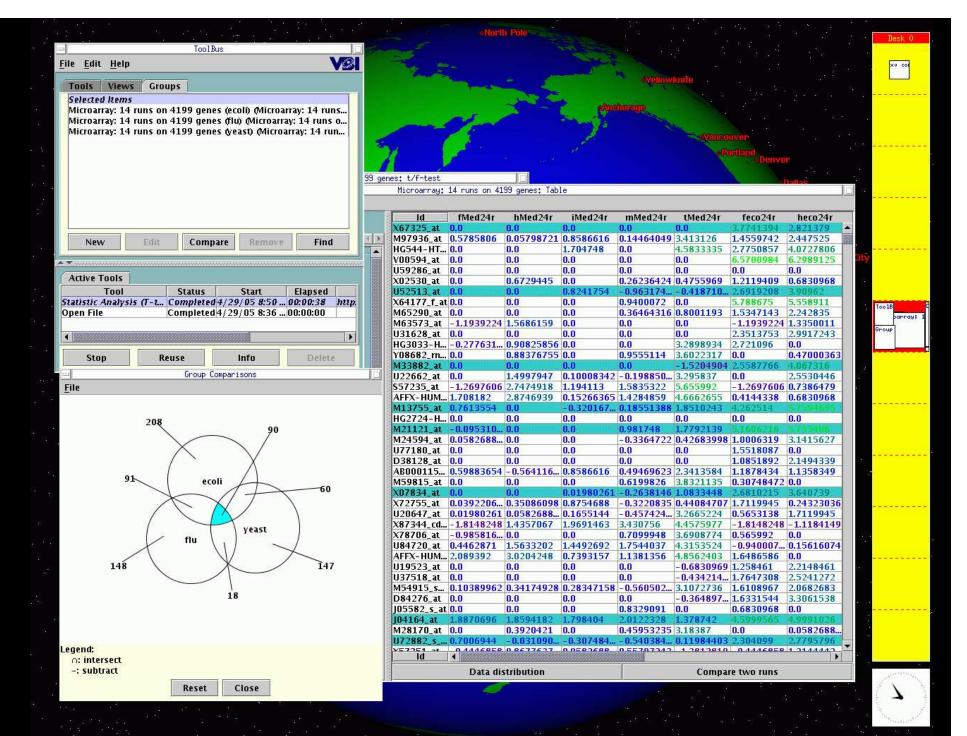


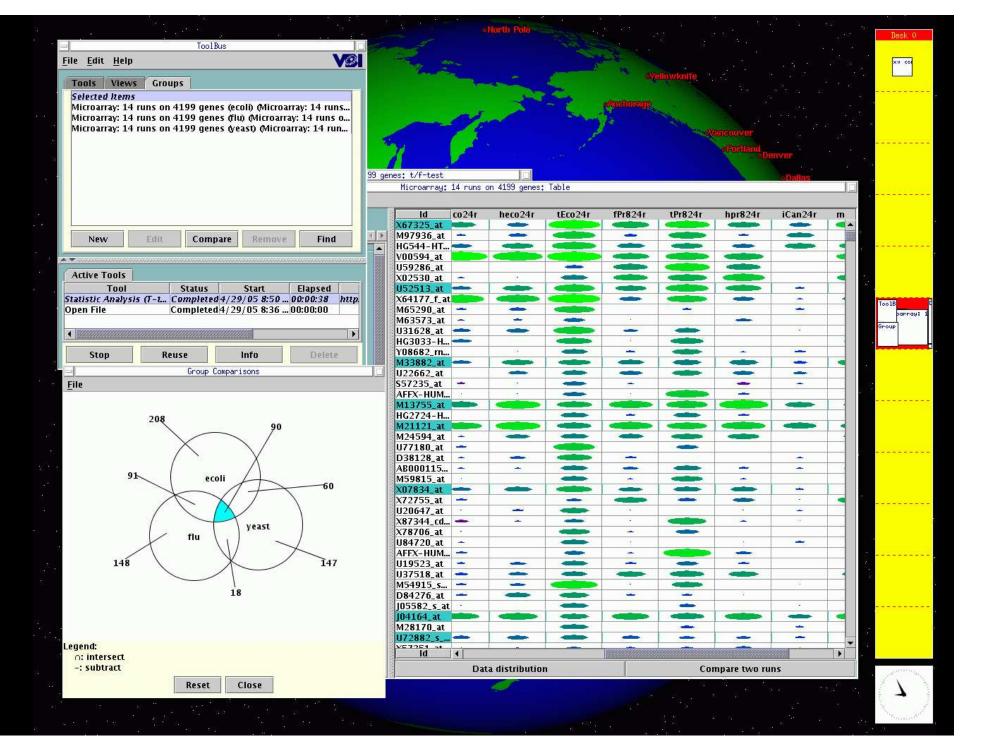












Want to Know More About a Pathogen?

Detailed curated information, gathered from a variety of information sources, for 21 pathogens from the CDC category A and B, and the NIAID priority category A, B, and C pathogen lists is available via a free and open XML format developed at VBI, the Pathogen Information Markup Language (PIML).





Pathogen Information (PathInfo)

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- About the PathInfo Project: A vast amount of information about animal and plant pathogens has been acquired, stored, and displayed in varied formats through different resources, both electronic and otherwise, some accessible through the Internet. However, there is no community standard format for organizing this information, nor agreement on a machine-readable format for data exchange, thereby hampering interoperation efforts across information systems. To address this, we developed the Pathogen Information Markup Language (PIML), a free, open, XML-based format for representing pathogen information. XSLT-based visual presentations of valid PIML documents were also developed and can be accessed through a public PathInfo website or as part of the interoperating web services federation known as ToolBus/PathPort (TB/PP). Detailed PIML documents are available for 21 pathogens deemed of high priority with regard to public health and national biological defense. A dynamic query system allows simple queries as well as comparisons among these pathogens. Continuing efforts are being taken to include other groups' supporting PIML and create larger sets of PIML documents.
- Pathogens available in our PathInfo Database: All of the available 21 pathogens belong to CDC category A or B pathogen lists and/or NIAID priority category A, B, or C pathogen lists. Eight of these pathogens are targets of the collaborative MARCE (Middle Atlantic Regional Center of Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases) project. Virginia Bioinformatics Institute serves as the Bioinformatics and Genomics Research Core for the entire MARCE consortium of 14 universities, diverse federal agencies and corporations.

Pathogen Information	CDC Category	NIAID Category	MARCE
Bacillus anthracis (Anthrax) [HTML] [PIML]	A	A	X
Brucella spp. (Brucellosis) [HTML] [PIML]	В	В	
Burkholderia mallei (Glanders) [HTML] [PIML]	В	В	
Coxiella burnetii(Q fever) [HTML] [PIML]	В	В	
Crimean Congo Virus [HTML] [PIML]		С	
Cryptosporidium parvum [HTML] [PIML]		В	X
Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis Virus [HTML]	В	В	X



• PathInfo Query: Select one or more pathogens and one topic, then click "Submit Query". The information about the specific topic related to the pathogen(s) will be extracted and displayed. To select more than one pathogen, press "Ctrl" or "Shift" button in the keyboard, hold it and click on specific pathogens.



Note: Please go the PathInfo cover page to check the complete curated information for a specific pathogen.

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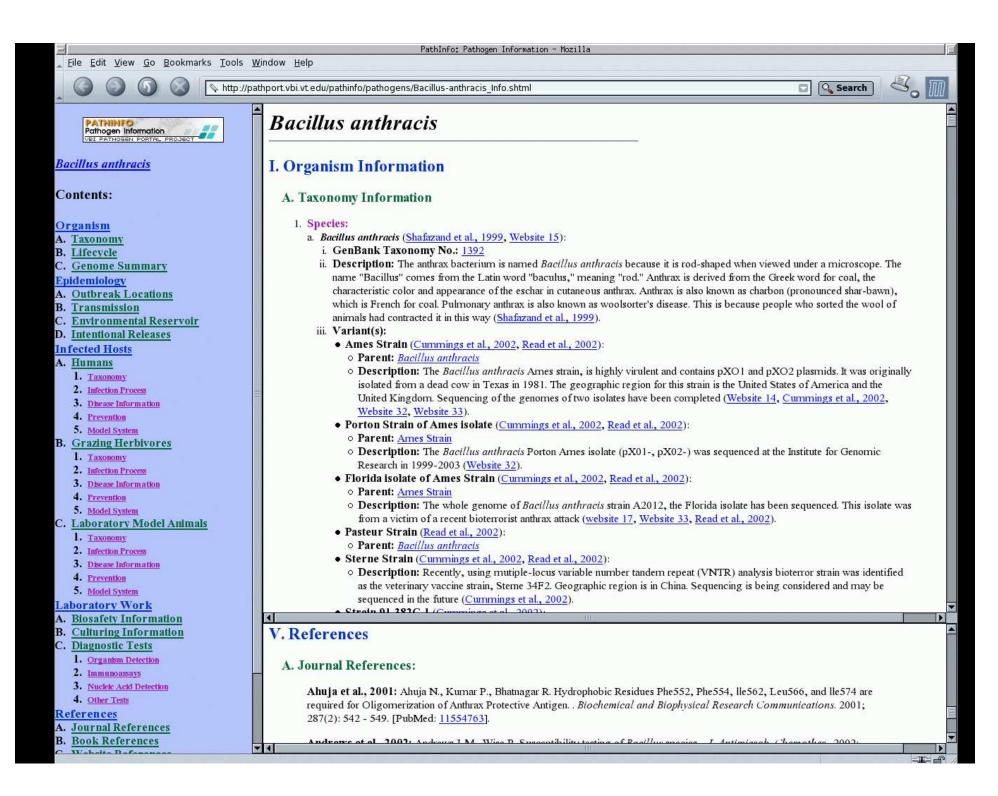
Ebola Virus

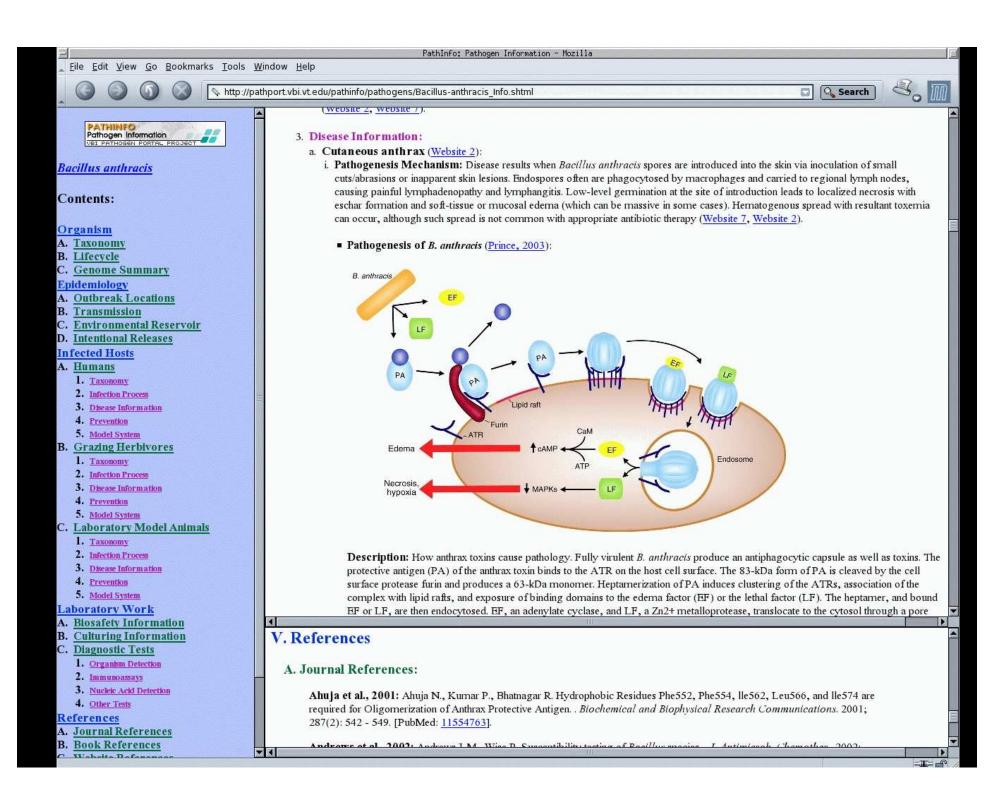
- A. Human -- Disease Symptom Information:
 - a. Symptom Information of Ebola (i.e., Ebola hemorrhagic fever):
 - Syndrome -- Viral Hemorrhagic Fever
 - **Description:** The term viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF) refers to the illness associated with a number of geographically restricted viruses. This illness is characterized by fever and, in the most severe cases, shock and hemorrhage. Although a number of other febrile viral infections may produce hemorrhage, only the agents of Lassa, Marburg, Ebola, and Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fevers are known to have caused significant outbreaks of disease with person-to-person transmission. (MMWR, 1988)
 - o Observed: The illness-to-infection ratio for Ebola virus is unknown, but seroepidemiologic investigations suggest that mild or asymptomatic infections can occur. (MMWR, 1988)
 - Specific Symptoms:
 - Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever
 - Description: The onset of illness is abrupt, and initial symptoms resemble those of an influenza-like syndrome. Fever, headache, general malaise, myalgia, joint pain, and sore throat are commonly followed by diarrhea and abdominal pain. A transient morbilliform skin rash, which subsequently desquamates, often appears at the end of the first week of illness. Other physical findings include pharyngitis, which is frequently exudative, and occasionally conjunctivitis, jaundice, and edema. After the third day of illness, hemorrhagic manifestations are common and include netechiae as well as frank bleeding which

Marburg Virus

- A. Human -- Disease Symptom Information:
 - a. Symptom Information of Marburg (i.e., Marburg hemorrhagic fever):
 - Syndrome -- Viral Hemorrhagic Fever
 - o Description: The term viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF) refers to the illness associated with a number of geographically restricted viruses. This illness is characterized by fever and, in the most severe cases, shock and hemorrhage. Although a number of other febrile viral infections may produce hemorrhage, only the agents of Lassa, Marburg, Ebola, and Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fevers are known to have caused significant outbreaks of disease with person-to-person transmission. (MMWR, 1988) The onset of illness is abrupt, and initial symptoms resemble those of an influenza-like syndrome. Fever, headache, general malaise, myalgia, joint pain, and sore throat are commonly followed by diarrhea and abdominal pain. A transient morbilliform skin rash, which subsequently desquamates, often appears at the end of the first week of illness. Other physical findings include pharyngitis, which is frequently exudative, and occasionally conjunctivitis, jaundice, and edema. After the third day of illness, hemorrhagic manifestations are common and include petechiae as well as frank bleeding, which can arise from any part of the gastrointestinal tract and from multiple other sites. (MMWR, 1988)
 - o Observed: Marburg hemorrhagic fever is a very rare human disease. (Website 8)
 - Ebola-like symptoms
 - o Description: Clinical and laboratory features of Marburg virus disease are essentially similar to those describe for Ebola virus disease. (MMWR, 1988)















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The pathogen portal project



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PathPort, short for pathogen portal, combines information about pathogens (and their near relatives) from around the world with powerful analysis and visualization tools to aid in the rapid detection, identification, and forensic attribution of high-priority pathogens, whether causing infectious diseases or potentially used as a biological weapons.

To provide this platform, VBI will perform genome data acquisition, vetting, consolidation, and annotation; create the data model, graphical user interface, bioinformatics tools for analysis, and the portal; develop methods to validate candidate target sequences; and research host response to pathogen models.

The software infrastructure supporting the PathPort project is built around ToolBus, a client-side interconnect. ToolBus allows researchers to easily access web-services from all over the world (as well as programs and files on their desktop computer), which provide both data and analysis services, and to examine the results using a wide variety of visualization tools. In addition, ToolBus enables users to form groupings of related information and to perform comparative analysis using these data groups in order to support the discovery of interesting inter-data relationships.

ToolBus is a general purpose client-side interconnect and is not in any way tied to a particular domain. Rather, it is the collection of web-services, such as those for gene prediction and multiple sequence alignment, along with visualization tools for viewing this kind of information that turns the collection of components into PathPort.

News

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PathPort/ToolBus Version 2.0 Released

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